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**RE: FINAL DRAFT JOINT RECOMMENDATION OF THE NORTH WESTERN WATERS MEMBER STATES
establishing management measures for red seabream in ICES Areas 6 and 7**

Dear Mr Banel,

We refer to the NWW MSG's request to the NWWAC to provide advice on the above-mentioned draft joint recommendations.

The NWWAC received your request a day before your services submitted the recommendations to the European Commission and we understand that they will be discussed in the STECF plenary meeting on 22 March.

We do note that the NWW MSG is referring to the SWW review of this topic and we are aware that this was monitored by our colleagues in the SWWAC. Red seabream as a stock has not been on the agenda for discussions in the NWWAC previously. Taking all this into account the NWWAC has decided not to contribute to the work done elsewhere on this subject.

We wish to thank you for sharing these draft joint recommendations with us and look forward to a continued appreciated cooperation.

Best regards,

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Chairman NWWAC Executive Committee

