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From: Liane Veitch, ClientEarth

Dear Members of the NWWRAC Executive Committee and Secretariat,

**Subject: Application for ClientEarth to join the NWWRAC Executive Committee**

ClientEarth is a public interest European environmental law organisation founded in 2006, with offices in London, Brussels and Warsaw. We work at all stages in the lifecycle of law, and base our policies on the best available science. We create practical solutions to key environmental challenges by supporting and promoting the development, implementation and enforcement of effective EU environmental law and policy. We then work with industry, governments, and other relevant stakeholders to interpret and implement the law.

We have been working on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) since 2009, including drafting briefings to inform decision-makers about key scientific and legal issues during the proposal and drafting stages. We provided feedback and guidance throughout the reform process on the legal strengths and weaknesses of draft texts and amendments.

Now, in the implementation phase of the CFP, we are working to provide clarity on the legal interpretation of the text. This will help enable stakeholders, particularly those engaging in regionalisation, create a new regime that will work in practice. For the same purpose, we will be monitoring and supporting the development of supplementary legislation (such as delegated and implementing acts in the CFP Basic Regulation and European Maritime and Fisheries Fund). We will also engage in the reform of associated legislation such as the Technical Measures, IUU and Control Regulations in order to help ensure consistency. Being an executive member of the NWWRAC would allow us to usefully apply our legal expertise to support the Advisory Council and its regional stakeholders in achieving an effective and practical regionalisation process under the new decision-making framework.

We believe our knowledge of EU environmental and fisheries laws, experience developing pragmatic solutions, and desire to improve the sustainability of European fisheries make ClientEarth an excellent candidate for membership to the NWWRAC Executive Committee.

Yours sincerely,



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