



# HOUSE OF LORDS

European Union Committee

House of Lords  
London  
SW1A 0PW

Tel: 020 7219 4579  
Fax: 020 7219 6715  
euclords@parliament.uk  
www.parliament.uk/lords

Victoria Prentis MP  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs  
Seacole Block  
2 Marsham Street  
London, SW1P 4DF

15 May 2020

Dear Victoria,

**EM 6546/20: Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and other waters, and correcting and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in Union and non-Union waters**

**6546/20 ADD 1: ANNEXES to the Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea and other waters, and Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in Union and non-Union waters**

Thank you for your Explanatory Memorandum (EM) on the above proposal, which was considered by our Environment Sub-Committee on 13 May 2020.

We note that the European Commission's proposed measures for the recovery of North Sea and Skagerrak cod did not make it into the adopted Council Regulation. How are these measures being progressed and what is the Government's position on work in this area?

The Committee is pleased that the total allowable catch (TAC) for sandeel was set in line with delivering Maximum Sustainable Yield in the adopted Council Regulation.

Your EM did not mention northern albacore tuna but the UK has an interest in this stock. Are you satisfied with the UK allocation and is the total number of vessels set at a sustainable level?

Your EM noted that the Government had not been given sufficient opportunity to engage with the Commission on some of the proposals. Has this continued to be an issue in relation to fisheries proposals, and if so, what action is the Government taking to resolve it?

The Committee continues to take an active interest in this matter and look forward to a response in 10 working days.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash MP, Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Jessica Mulley, Clerk of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee, Les Saunders, Cabinet Office, and John Leach, Scrutiny Co-ordinator, DEFRA.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kinnoull', with a horizontal line underneath.

Lord Kinnoull  
Chair of the European Union Committee