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Dear Victoria,

EM 8078/20: Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1838 as regards certain fishing opportunities for 2020 in the Baltic Sea, and amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters

8078/20 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 amending Regulation (EU) 2020/123 as regards certain fishing opportunities in 2020 in Union and non-Union waters

Thank you for your letter dated 13 October 2020 on this set of in-year amendments to fishing opportunities, which was considered by our Environment Sub-Committee on 25 November 2020.

Thank you for clarifying that the effectiveness of the recovery measures put in place for North Sea cod will be monitored through data from a range of sources, including vessel monitoring systems (VMS), enforcement, vessels self-reporting, and international bottom-trawl surveys.

Thank you also for confirming that arrangements are in place for the UK to continue its relationship with the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) from 1 January 2021.

We are now content to close this correspondence.

I am copying this letter to Sir William Cash, the Chair of the Commons European Scrutiny Committee; Jessica Mulley, Clerk to the Commons Committee; Les Saunders, Cabinet Office; and John Leach, Departmental Scrutiny Coordinator.

Yours sincerely,

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

Lord Kinnoull
Chair of the European Union Committee