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Fisheries Control

We considered your letter of 9 July 2021 on the revision to the EU's fisheries control Regulation at our meeting of 19 July 2021.

We welcome the additional information that you have provided further to the positions adopted by both the European Parliament and the Council and we look forward to a further update within three months.

We take particular note of the application to Northern Ireland of the EU's new electronic "CATCH" system and would welcome information in your next update on the progress of the MMO's discussions with the Commission on linking CATCH to the UK's Fish Export Service in order to facilitate NI compliance as well as imports into NI from GB.

I am copying this letter to Neil Parish MP, Chair of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee and Ian Bradshaw, Clerk of the Committee; Simon Hoare MP, Chair of the Northern Ireland Affairs Committee and Stephen Habberley, Clerk of the Committee; Pete Wishart MP, Chair of the Scottish Affairs Committee and Leoni Kurt, Clerk of the Committee; Rt Hon. Stephen Crabb MP, Chair of the Welsh Affairs Committee and Dr Adam Evans, Clerk of the Committee; the Earl of Kinnoull, Chair of the European Affairs Committee in the House of Lords and Simon Pook, Clerk of the Committee; your Departmental EU Scrutiny team; and Les Saunders and Donald Harris in the Cabinet Office.

CHAIR