

Your Ref: 1415/PAC 131

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**Re: EAPO & Europeche Position Paper on the Implementation of the Landing
Obligation**

Re: Draft Memorandum of Understanding

Dear Mr. Gatt,

Thank you for your letter of the 12th May 2015 and the draft Memorandum of Understanding.

The Fisheries Directors of the North Western Waters Member States Group have asked that I respond to your letter and to the correspondence sent to them individually.

The North Western Waters (NWW) Group of Member States appreciates the Pelagic AC's commitment to the regional decision-making process.

The role of the Advisory Councils is set out in the basic CFP Regulation; the NWW Group recognises the importance of stakeholder input and is fully committed to meaningful engagement with the Advisory Councils.

In line with this, the Member States' position with regard to interaction and collaboration with all of the Advisory Councils is set down in the NWW Group's own internal Memorandum of Understanding (copy enclosed).

Yours sincerely,



Cecil Beamish
Chairperson of the North Western Waters Member States Group