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CC: Swedish Presidency

General Director of DG Mare - Mr Fokion Fotiadis

Dear Commissioner,

On behalf of the Pelagic RAC, I would like to inform you of our regret that the special annex on pelagics has been removed from the Commission's proposal for a Council regulation on Technical Conservation Measures. In our view, this decision is much in contrast with aims of simplification of the rules and it certainly does not make the regulation as user-friendly as it could be.

Even at this very late stage, we are hopeful that you are willing to intervene on behalf of the interest of the Pelagic RAC membership, by reinstalling the special annex on pelagic measures.

If you have any questions, please contact the secretariat,

Yours sincerely,

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