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Dear Ms. Clark,

We would like to congratulate you on your appointment as Director of Fisheries Policy Atlantic, North Sea, Baltic and Outermost Regions Directorate, and would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your earliest convenience to exchange views on marine conservation and fisheries related issues.

The undersigned organisations worked together during the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) and are now supporting the timely and effective implementation of the rules. Our overarching goals are a swift end to overfishing; the application of precautionary and ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management; and the transition towards low-impact fisheries.

Since we follow the wide range of files under negotiation or in preparation, as well as the upcoming decisions on 2018 fishing opportunities, we would very much appreciate to meet with you and your lead staff at the earliest opportunity to learn more about your approach to your new portfolio. We would like to present you our specific priorities including on low impact fishing and full coherence of fisheries management with the EU's environmental legislation.

We also seek a consistent implementation of the CFP, especially by means of science-based fishing opportunities; sustainable and ecosystem based multi-annual management plans (MAPs) and a robust framework of technical and conservation measures.

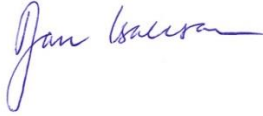
Many of us are members of the various Advisory Councils established under the CFP and also collaborate closely to secure an effective implementation of the EU's external policy and its IUU and Control Regulations to improve transparency in the fisheries sector.

We look forward to working with you and hope to continue the constructive and regular exchange we have had with your predecessor.

Yours sincerely,



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