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Subject: Request to update forecast for Celtic Sea herring

Dear Ms Evans,

The Pelagic AC, having been involved in the recent ICES benchmark assessment of Celtic Sea herring, is aware that the new assessment and forecast implies a greater fishing opportunity for 2015 than the previous assessment and forecast that was performed in 2014. Therefore, the Executive Committee of the Pelagic AC unanimously asks that the European Commission requests ICES to provide an updated forecast of fishing opportunities for 2015, based on the new benchmark assessment. If supported by the updated forecast the Pelagic AC would also request the Commission to carry out an in-year TAC revision.

In case you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Pelagic AC Secretariat. I am looking forward to receiving your positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Sean O'Donoghue'.

Sean O'Donoghue
Chairman Working Group II

