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Mr Iain MacSween
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Subject: Pelagic RAC recommendations SACs.

Dear Mr MacSween,

Thank you for your letter of 6 November 2007 about our recent exchange of correspondence on the Pelagic RAC recommendations on SACs.

As you correctly point out in your letter, the future will see an increasing number of closed areas. Therefore we all have an interest in finding pragmatic solutions to pending issues, taking into account all sectors concerned.

Your suggestion to work together with the CFCA to identify the permanent EU pelagic fleet and to draw up a code of conduct for pelagic activity within closed areas deserves further consideration and discussion.

We are happy to cooperate on this and we will take the initiative to arrange a meeting with you, the CFCA and our control experts to further develop your suggestions.

Fokion Fotiadis
Director-General