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Subject: Pelagic RAC recommendation Sprat

Dear Mr. Fotiadis,

Given that the TAC of sprat is to be decided upon by the management committee meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of July, the Pelagic RAC would like to bring forward the following recommendation:

The Pelagic RAC supports the advice for an increase in the North Sea sprat TAC but is concerned about the level of by-catch of juvenile herring in this fishery and therefore requests the Commission to ensure strict monitoring of this fishery to avoid an adverse effect on the North Sea herring stock which is under pressure. The fishery must be restricted to the North Sea herring industrial by-catch TAC.

Yours sincerely,

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