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Dear Mr Fotiadis,

For many years the Pelagic RAC has supported the removal of the seasonal closure for fishing herring in VIa North around the Butt of Lewis. When the VIa North herring management plan was agreed and introduced in 2008 it was agreed that this closure would no longer apply and this is reflected in Annex III of the 2009 TAC and Quota Regulation.

We now wish to remind the Commission that, given the agreement that this closure is no longer relevant, it should not be listed in the specific technical measures for the North Western Waters or in any other relevant documents under the review of technical measures and we trust that you will ensure that this is the case.

If you have any questions, please contact the secretariat. Looking forward to your response,

Yours sincerely,



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