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Subject: Discard ban in the Skagerrak - Proposal for a Regulation of the

European Parliament and of the Council on certain technical and control measures in the Skagerrak and amending Regulation (EC) No

850/98 and Regulation (EC) No 1342/2008

Dear Ms Evans¹,

With this letter the Pelagic RAC would like to express its full unanimous support of the advice issued by the North Sea RAC on 30 May 2013 regarding the discard ban in the Skagerrak. Like the North Sea RAC, the Pelagic RAC urges the Commission, the Parliament and the Council to ensure that the landing obligation in the Skagerrak will be consistent with the new Common Fisheries Policy. The Pelagic RAC would also be happy to further discuss the issues raised by the North Sea RAC.

Yours sincerely,

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Chairman Pelagic RAC

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¹ This letter has also been sent to Mr Simon Coveney (Council of the EU) and Ms Ulrike Rodust (European Parliament).