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Dear Ms Roller,

At the workshop on the landing obligation organized by the Pelagic AC on 5 July 2016 and hosted by the Commission the incompatibility of the landing obligation with the Animal By-product Regulation was addressed.

At that meeting the Commission said that the issue had been discussed with the Member States, but neither the Commission nor the Member States have informed the stakeholders of their conclusions. The Commission therefore promised to provide clarification to stakeholders as soon as possible. Unfortunately, however, the Pelagic AC has still not received any information from the Commission nor the Member States in this regard other than a specific a reply in relation to damaged fish given at the Focus Group meeting last week. I would therefore like to inquire when the stakeholders will be informed about the findings reached by the Commission and Member States. This issue is very urgent given that fishermen are confronted with the conflict referred to above on a regular basis.

I am looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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

Sean O'Donoghue
Chairman Working Group II

