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Dear M Raakjaer

Subject: Report evaluation of compliance with the landing obligation 2015-2017

We have studied your request to publish all the information contained in the report evaluation of compliance for some fisheries with the landing obligation from 2015 to 2017 made by EFCA.

EFCA and the concerned CEGs organized an expressly dedicated workshop with the PELAC and other stakeholders (The Hague, 5 March 2020) to present the results of this evaluation, including a detailed explanation of the methodology, data used, and to reply to doubts or questions on the outcome.

In order to develop such report, EFCA used a standard methodology for compliance evaluation with the LO agreed by the EFCA's Administrative Board and used for similar exercises in other regions.

We find it very difficult to disclose sensitive inspection data and other confidential details contained in the full report that we feel are not suitable for external publication and does add nothing new in terms of contents. This is the reason why we decided to produce the executive summary of this evaluation published in EFCA website with the findings of this evaluation.

We remain open to study any information PELAC would like to add regarding the compliance of the Landing obligation in this context to integrate it with the analysis made by EFCA in order to improve the quality of the results.

Kind regards,

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