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**Subject: NSRAC advice on self regulation**

Dear Mr Andersson,

I thank you for your letter of 22 July and the attached Position Paper of the North Sea Regional Advisory Council on self regulation.

I am grateful for your contribution to the discussion on the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy. I appreciate the fact that the North Sea RAC endeavours to develop a joint position on this very important issue. As you know, the move towards a system with less micro-management at central level and more bottom-up approach is seen by the Commission as one of the main features for a more effective and rational policy making. Self-management may also help encouraging the industry to behave more responsibly in the use of the resources.

The Commission is looking forward to discussing further this paper with the NSRAC members during the inter-RAC seminar early in November.

Yours sincerely,

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