

To the North Sea Regional Advisory Council,
the Spatial Planning Working Group,
care of the chair, Mr Euan Dunn

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Subject: position North Sea Foundation (SAR) and WWF re Cleaverbank

Utrecht, 21 March 2011

Dear chair and members of the Spatial Planning Working Group,

Unfortunately the North Sea Foundation and WWF the Netherlands will not be able to attend the Spatial Planning Working Group meeting of 23 March. However, we consider the purpose of this meeting – the consultation of the NSRAC on the fisheries measures for the Dutch offshore Natura 2000 sites and the possible further development of current proposals – of great importance.

Therefore Seas At Risk will instead attend the meeting and will further explain the NGO proposal regarding fisheries measures for the Cleaver Bank, which NSF and WWF have submitted to the ICES secretariat and the FIMPAS Steering Group last Friday and which you hereby find as an attachment.

We hope that the NSRAC as well, will take this proposal into serious consideration as a way to a clear and effective protection regime for the Natura 2000 site the Cleaver Bank.

Yours sincerely,

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also on behalf of WWF Netherlands