

# North Sea Advisory Council



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## **NSAC Advice Ref. 06-1920**

### **NSAC Response to Consultation on the Scheveningen Regional Group Joint Recommendation on sorting gear in Norway pout fishery from 18 February 2020**

On Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of February 2020, the North Sea Advisory Council received the draft Joint Recommendation on sorting gear in Norway pout fishery from the Scheveningen Group. The paper was circulated to the NSAC Executive Committee on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February and approved via fast-track written procedure on the 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

The excluder device mentioned in the Joint Recommendation was developed by fishermen in cooperation with gear technologists from DTU Aqua. Use of the device in the fishery has demonstrated that it is indeed improving the catch composition, and the NSAC fully supports the recommendation to allow for the use of the Excluder device as an alternative to the grid in the Norway pout fishery.



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