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The Director-General

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**Subject: NSAC Response to Consultation on the Scheveningen Regional Group - Joint Recommendation on an excluder grid in North Sea Norway Pout fishery**

Ref : your advice 06-1920

Dear Mr Skau Fisher,

On 26 February, DG MARE services received the communication made by the Scheveningen Regional Group, in which was enclosed the joint recommendation and the background documentation for STECF to assess the use of an excluder grid in the Norway pout fishery.

I hereby inform you that my services have made all arrangements necessary for this documentation to be assessed by next STECF plenary. However, given the special circumstances that we are facing due to the measures taken to avoid the further spread of Covid19, we cannot guarantee that this can be fully addressed by the next plenary.

Let me thank the NSAC for its advice. I look forward to our continued cooperation and invite you to take contact with Ms. Pascale Colson ([pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu](mailto:pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu); +32 2 29 56273) should you have any further question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

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