

Ministry of Agragian Policy and Food of Ukraine Minagropolicy For the attention of: Oleh Klochak 24, Kreshchatk street Kyiv 01001 Ukraine

Zoetermeer, 14 April 2022

Subject: Response to Call for the EU fisheries and aquaculture community's help to Ukraine

Dear Mr Oleh Klachak,

From our colleagues at the Aquaculture Advisory Council we received a letter dated 8 March 2022 by Mr Roman Leshchenko, the Minister of Agragian Policy and Food of Ukraine and addressed to associations, institutions and organizations in the field of fisheries. The members of the North Sea Advisory Council would like to express their sincere concerns regarding the dire humanitarian situation in you country as a result of Russia's military aggresion.

The North Sea Advisory Council (NSAC) is one of the 11 Advisory Councils of the European Union. The NSAC is a membership organisation that provides advice on sustainable North Sea fisheries on behalf of its members. For more information on our work, please check our website: <a href="https://www.nsrac.org">www.nsrac.org</a>.

We would like to contribute to and support humanitarian efforts for Ukrainian citizens to the best of our abilities and in the most optimal manner. Since we are a fisheries related organization, we are especially sympathetic to the Ukrainian fisheries, however we will contribute financially to any organization or cause you assess would benefit most from additional resources. Kindly let us know where are the identified gaps and where should the funds be deposited by replying to Ms Tamara Talevska at tamarat@nsrac.org.

In the meantime, we have also shared Minister's letter with our members and encouraged them to donate whatever is feasible for them, be it in funds, fisheries resources or any other disposable means. For this we also kindly request to provide us with information or direct links to aid coordinator.



We thank the Ukrainian people for defending European values so bravely and wish you the willpower and strength to endure in this very difficult time.

Yours sincerely,

Tamara Talevska

**Executive Secretary**