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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

## The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2023

Having had the time to consider the Official Report from our meeting on 1 March when the Committee considered a consent notification for the above UKSI, I am taking the opportunity to refocus the questions included in the Committee's letter of 2 March. The Committee would be grateful to receive additional information in relation to—

- how the Scottish Government will enforce the provisions of the SI in relation to the tonnage of European seabass caught during the specified fishing seasons (no change to this question);
- how the Scottish Government will ensure compliance with the total allowable catch and size rules for picked dogfish, including through the use of remote electronic monitoring on quota vessels (revised question); and
- whether the adjustments relating to seabass that will be made by each party will represent an increase or decrease in the level of seabass that may be caught (question not included in our earlier letter in error).

The Committee would appreciate a response by Friday 31 March 2023.

Yours sincerely,

**Finlay Carson MSP**

Convener

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