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Dear Cecil,

I hope you are well. I came across Sean's letter he sent you at the start of the month and it reminded me to finish this letter I had started at the time to ask you for some clarification on some of the points raised, hopefully you will be able to help me.

I am writing to you today as I would appreciate if you could help clarify some of the issues raised in Sean O Donoghues e-mail to you dated the 2nd November 2016.

I am not aware of some of what is being said by Sean in his e-mail and would very much like if you would clarify some of the issues he has mentioned. For instance, regarding Track record, can you educate me on what was the criteria established at the time of allocation of boats to various segments of the Fleet to decide on what vessels became an RSW member and is the same criteria used today for the different pelagic species.

Would I be correct in saying that Pelagic track-record was not and is not the grounding criteria for classification of a boat in any particular Segment? Also, prior to the RSW Segment's creation what were the boats official category.

I am sorry for all these questions but feel to understand Sean's concerns and his point of view I need to seek some more information i.e. Horse Mackerel prior to 2006 and a breakdown of the percentage of the landed fish that was carried out by the polyvalent vessels.

I wonder Cecil, if you feel these separate issues have any relevance to the Document submitted on the 4th of October. To elaborate on this a little further, I am unaware of the history of the way the Blue Whiting was allocated to the different segments; similarly with Scandinavian Herring but I would be interested to get your opinion on whether what Sean is saying is correct.

Again, a lot of the topics Sean mentions in his e-mail to you do not, in my opinion, have any connection to my October 4th Document, for instance, the part that says RSW vessels were not given access to the 2008 Decommissioning Scheme ? This seems to imply there was a need to Decommission some of RSW fleet even though the allocation for 2017 will be the same as the previous year if my suggested one year Pilot Scheme is implemented?

Maybe Cecil you could shed some light to me why this reference to Decommissioning is in Sean's e-mail? After speaking with my Chairman and some of my Directors we are horrified to think the IS&WFPO discussion document we handed out on the 4th of October would result in job losses in the Donegal region and we wish to confirm that the Document I submitted did not advocate the RSW fleet getting one less kilo of fish that they had in 2016; and therefore would mean no job losses would occur. What we have referred to in our document is an alternative way of allocating the excess that Ireland might get from the EU for 2017.

To sum it up, I was, until now, arising from attendance at the Quota Management meetings, under the impression that we allocated boats shares in Quotas primarily in accordance to their registered length but not so with this RSW segment. On a curiosity level to better understand the Industry I am now working within, I would be grateful for any assistance you could give me to clarify my confusion.

Regards,

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