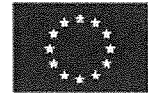




Executive Director



Vigo, 11 MAYO 2015
EFCA/UC/2015/D- 00331

To: Chairs of Advisory Councils
Subject: Seminar for Monitoring the Landing Obligation on 24-25 June 2015

Dear Chair,

As announced by the letter sent last 31 March 2015 (Ref EFCA/2015/D-00228), a follow up seminar on the monitoring of the landing obligation and its implementation will take place on **24-25 June 2015 in Roskilde, Denmark.**

The intention of this seminar is to have on the 24 of June an open exchange of views with the Member States, the Advisory Councils, the European Commission and EFCA on the implementation and monitoring of the landing obligation requirements after six months of its entry into force and to consider the way forward. The general objective is to promote a proper monitoring of compliance with the landing obligation in the different EU regional areas as established in article 15 of Regulation 1380/2013 and to provide a forum for enhancing interregional cooperation, exchange of views and harmonisation.

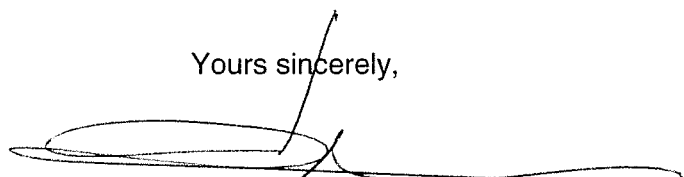
Please find enclosed the agenda of the Seminar for 24 June. Invitations are being sent to the two participants proposed by your Advisory Council, for whom the Agency will reimburse the travel and accommodation cost. In case you have still not communicated your representatives to EFCA, please do it as soon as possible.

Following several requests for additional participation from the ACs, I am glad to inform you that we can offer one additional seat for each of the ACs, but without reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs for the third representative. Please let us know by the 18 of May your additional nominated representative, where applicable. In the case that not all the ACs are proposing a third representative, any remaining free seats will be offered to any ACs that wish to send more than three representatives.

As you can see in the Agenda, EFCA is proposing to concentrate in the morning on presentations of the vision of stakeholders regarding the state of play of the implementation of the landing obligation. We propose that each AC provides to the Seminar, during approximately 15 minutes, their vision as regards the implementation of the landing obligation. A non-exhaustive list of subjects is provided in the agenda as a guide for your presentation. This should be an excellent way to exchange experiences between the ACs of the different regions and facilitate a positive and constructive dialogue between all the participants.

I am looking forward to meeting you in Roskilde and remain,

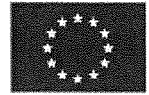
Yours sincerely,



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EFCA Seminar for Monitoring the Landing Obligation

Viking Museum, Roskilde, 24-June 2015

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Wednesday, June 24th

Participation: EFCA, European Commission, Member States, Advisory Councils

Morning (9:30-13:00)

- Welcome by Danish authorities (DNK)
- Introduction by EFCA (Pascal SAVOURET, Executive Director of EFCA)
- Opening by the European Commission (DG MARE)
- EFCA activities: Landing Obligation project and cooperation with regional groups (EFCA)

Coffee

- *The industry experience.* Different presentations on the state of play of the implementation of the Landing Obligation across different subjects.
 - Management of fishing opportunities (quotas, de minimis, choke species, fishing areas...)
 - Storage of catches (separate, animal by-product element, on-board treatment ...)
 - Recording of catches (ERS, codes, estimation of discards...)
 - Landing of catches (separate landing, lots, treatment of undersize catches...)
 - TCM (mesh size, structure of the nets...)

Lunch

Afternoon (14:30-17:30)

- Discussion on main ideas to ensure a level playing field:
 - Control methods: Cameras, standardisation of inspection methodology etc.
 - Dialogue with stakeholders
 - Bottom-up approach
 - Interregional cooperation
 - Compliance assessment
- Concluding remarks for the day (EFCA)

EVENING SOCIAL PROGRAMME

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