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Dear Sir/Madam,

Commission Proposal on the Review of the Control Regulation

A copy of the Commission's press release along with a copy of the proposal for a Council Regulation establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy can be found at:

www.ec.europa.eu/fisheries/press_corner/press_releases/2008/com08_79_en.htm

This proposal was adopted and published by the Commission on 14 November 2008 and will be discussed by Member States at Working Group meetings starting in January 2009 with a view to implementing the final proposals in January 2010.

The current fisheries 'Control Regulation' entered into force in 1994 is long overdue for revision and this review provides us with the opportunity to standardise control provisions into one Regulation. The proposal includes control measures for recreational anglers, effort control, engine power and controls for marine protected areas (MPAs). There is also a much wider use of modern technology to provide controls for a wider section of the fleet.

We are planning to hold meetings with representative organisations in January and would be grateful if you could let me know if you would like to be involved. In the meantime it would be helpful to receive your initial comments by 5 January 2009. These should be sent to thereviewofthecontrolregulation@defra.gsi.gov.uk. If you require a paper copy of the proposal, please contact Wini Kirby at the above address.

Yours faithfully

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