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Dear Stakeholders,

Proposed Requirement for Catch and Effort Returns

For sometime the Authority has been considering the need to widen its knowledge and understanding of fish and shellfish stocks through a more comprehensive catch and effort reporting system. In relation to catch and effort returns the following key considerations have formed part of the decision making process thus far:

- The Authority needs to strengthen the accuracy of its knowledge and understanding of the levels of exploitation across a much wider range of fish stocks.
- The lack of current information could lead to the introduction of inappropriate or ineffective management provisions at both European and national level.
- Without accurate information the Authority could fail in its duty to support the sustainable management of fisheries within its district with resulting impact on the local coastal economy.

The Authority's Executive Committee met on 27 April 2016 and supported the making of a new byelaw regulation which would require all commercial operators to complete and submit monthly catch and effort returns to the Authority.

At this stage I am seeking informal views from all affected stakeholders. You should ensure that these are submitted in writing to ensure that they are fully recorded and documented:

Comments and submissions can be emailed to the following address:

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Please title as: 'Catch Returns'

Comments and submissions can also be submitted by post as follows:

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Please can you ensure that all comments are submitted by Friday 22 July 2016.

Yours sincerely



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