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Dear Paul,

Further to my letter of 12 January, setting out the scrutiny period for the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS), and my appearance at your committee on 3rd February, we have had concerns raised over the length of the scrutiny period and have been exploring this with colleagues in other UK administrations.

As the JFS has been developed jointly with all UK administrations, we have been aiming to synchronise timings with the other UK legislatures. Following the recent developments in Northern Ireland unfortunately this is no longer appropriate. We also appreciate the Committees' desire for more time to scrutinise the JFS and engage stakeholders. We are, therefore, proposing extending the scrutiny period to 12 April 2022, to align with the end of the public consultation on the JFS.

Regards,

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