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Mike Hedges MS
Chair
Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee
Welsh Parliament

22 August 2024

Dear Mike,

I have received a request from Lord Douglas-Miller, the former Minister for Biosecurity, Marine and Rural Affairs, requesting formal consent for the Sea Fisheries (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations 2024 (the “2024 Regulations”) which intersects with devolved competence, and will apply in relation to Wales.

The 2024 Regulations relate to measures which apply to the seabass fishery which extends beyond the Welsh Zone. In order for them to be effective, they need to apply on a UK basis and apply to all vessels operating in UK waters. In particular the 2024 Regulations remove seabass fishing provisions for United Kingdom registered fishing vessels from Council Regulation (EU) 2020/123. This is to enable more responsive management to be brought in through vessel licensing.

As these Regulations implement UK-wide obligations I intend to give my consent to the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to make the 2024 Regulations, so the provisions therein apply in relation to Wales.

The anticipated laying date is the 8 October and the SI is subject to the negative procedure.

I am copying this letter to Chair of the Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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