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Chair
Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee
Welsh Parliament
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Dear Paul,

Thank you for the Committee's consideration and response dated 20 November 2024, following your scrutiny of proposed amendments to Annex A of the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS).

The amendments to the JFS and joint UK Government Response to the public consultation will be published today and can be accessed here:

[Joint Fisheries Statement \(JFS\) - GOV.UK](#)

[Joint Fisheries Statement: proposed amendments to Annex A - GOV.UK](#)

The proposals consulted on are being taken forward. In addition, following consideration of responses to the public consultation, two minor additional changes are being made. These are changing the title of the Whelk and Crabs and Lobsters FMPs for Wales to include the Welsh zone, instead of Welsh waters, which is a more accurate description of the geographical extent they cover. In addition, the Northern Ireland Periwinkle FMP has been extended to include other hand gathered species.

I can confirm that at the most recent Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) Working Group meeting, on 26 November, officials raised that the consideration of responsible authorities should be a standard part of a review of each FMP. The Group acknowledged this and that any review should consider the appropriate mechanism for change at that time.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The minutes from the Ministerial Advisory Group for Welsh Fisheries have now been updated on our website. Thank you for drawing this to our attention and we will endeavour to make these available as soon as possible after all future meetings.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several fluid, overlapping strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Huw Irranca-Davies'.

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