

Lesley Griffiths MS  
Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs

13 November 2020

Dear Lesley

### **UK Fisheries Bill**

Thank you for your letter of **30 October 2020** regarding the UK Fisheries Bill (the Bill), which we considered at our meeting on 9 November. We welcome the full response you have provided to our letter of **5 October**.

There is one issue raised in your letter which we wish to pursue with you further. In response to questions numbered 2. c) and d) in our 5 October letter, you state:

“The amendments to Schedule 3 and 8, and to Schedule 10 (relating to consultation requirements), were not tabled, as this has been superseded by work with UK Government on bringing forward an Order under section 109 of the Government of Wales Act 2006. The Secretary of State for Wales has confirmed to me in writing the concurrent functions in the Bill will be dealt with in the forthcoming Order, **subject to some specific exceptions** which reflect the complexities of regulating fishing vessels.” (emphasis added)

While we welcome the fact that the Secretary of State has provided confirmation that the concurrent functions in the Bill will be dealt with in a forthcoming section 109 Order, we would be grateful if you would provide further detail at the earliest opportunity regarding the ‘specific exceptions’ you refer to in your letter. If appropriate to do so, we would also welcome you making this correspondence with the Secretary of State publicly available.



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We are aware that the Bill is still making progress in the House of Commons, and we welcome your commitment to write to us to confirm the outcome of Commons Report Stage and Third Reading.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Antoniw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

**Mick Antoniw MS**

Chair of the Legislation, Justice and Constitution Committee

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We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English.

