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Dear Mr Scanlon,

Reference is made to your letter of 16 November, regarding proposals to the 16th CITES Conference of the Parties to amend CITES Appendices I and II (your ref. DHM/Elk/CoP16).

The only species subject to such a proposal that the North East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) has conservation and management measures regarding is porbeagle (*lamna nasus*). The NEAFC conservation and management measure that applies to this species is enclosed with this letter.

For your information, NEAFC does not conduct scientific work and has therefore not generated scientific information to share with you. However, NEAFC measures are based on scientific advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). The latest ICES advice regarding porbeagle (*lamna nasus*) can be found on the ICES website (<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/2012/2012/Porbeagle%20NEA.pdf>).

Please do not hesitate to contact the NEAFC Secretariat again if you need any further information.

Yours sincerely

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Stefán Ásmundsson
Secretary

Recommendation 6: 2012

THE NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES COMMISSION AT ITS ANNUAL MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2011 ADOPTED, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 5 OF THE CONVENTION ON FUTURE MULTILATERAL COOPERATION IN NORTH-EAST ATLANTIC FISHERIES, A RECOMMENDATION FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PORBEAGLE (*LAMNA NASUS*) IN THE NEAFC REGULATORY AREA FROM 2012 TO 2014

The status of porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in the Northeast Atlantic is not well known. At present a very limited commercial fishery is taking place. ICES report that information on the status of the stock is poor. Trends in landings and anecdotal information suggest that abundance remains significantly reduced. ICES, therefore, advise a zero TAC for the entire ICES area in 2012. However, there is no information from fishery independent sources on abundance levels, and no catch per unit effort data available to form the basis for an evaluation.

As an interim measure:

1. Each Contracting Party shall, from 2012 to 2014, prohibit all directed fishing of porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in the Regulatory Area by vessels flying its flag.
2. Any incidental catches of this resource shall be promptly released unharmed, to the extent possible.
3. Contracting Parties shall submit to ICES all available data on porbeagle, including fisheries data, for further evaluation of the state of the resource.
4. Contracting Parties are encouraged to take conservation measures with equal effect within waters under their national fisheries jurisdiction.