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Dear Permit Holder

### **Statutory reporting of protected species captures by the FV 'XXXX'**

The FV 'XXXX' has not reported a seabird, marine mammal or other protected species capture without an observer on-board since date X. During this time, the vessel has been observed on two separate occasions. Across these two trips, the observer reported X seabird captures. Since date X, the FV 'XXXX' has conducted approximately XXXX unobserved fishing events.

As part of the National Plan of Action for Seabirds 2020, there will be a focus on improving the quality of the information that is used to manage the impacts of fishing on seabirds. This includes fisher-reported capture data.

As such, I am writing to remind you, as permit holder of the FV 'XXXX', of your legal obligation under the Fisheries (Reporting) Regulations 2017 to report all captures of seabirds, marine mammals and other protected species (including those animals released alive). Note that failure to report a protected species capture may result in a fine not exceeding \$100,000.

More information on your protected species capture reporting requirements can be found in the attached fact sheet. Please forward this information to your skippers and crew.

Please contact your local compliance office if you have any questions regarding your legal obligations.

Regards

Steve Ham

Manager Fisheries Compliance