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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

The Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2023

At its [meeting on 1 March 2023](#), the Rural Affairs and Islands Committee considered [the consent notification](#) for the UK SI, the “Sea Fisheries (Amendment) Regulations 2023”.

The Committee agreed with the Scottish Government’s decision to consent to the provisions in the notification being included in UK, rather than Scottish, subordinate legislation. The Committee also agreed to write to you to request some additional information in relation to—

- how the Scottish Government will enforce the provisions of the SI in relation to the tonnage of European seabass caught during the specified fishing seasons; and
- how the Scottish Government will ensure compliance with the prohibition on the catching of picked dogfish greater than 100cm in length, given the removal of fish of that species of 100cm or less from the prohibited fisheries list.

The Committee would appreciate a response by Friday 31 March 2023.

Yours sincerely,



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Convener

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