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Dear Finlay,

CONSULTATION DRAFT OF THE JOINT FISHERIES STATEMENT

I would like to thank you for the response provided by the Committee with regard to the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS) on 26 April 2022.

Given the nature of the Joint Fisheries Statement (JFS) and the need to work with the other Fisheries Policy Authorities to prepare and publish the final JFS, I will need to consider your recommendations and feedback in the round with counterparts from across the UK. In addition, we are also considering the responses from the draft JFS public consultation at the same time. Your recommendations, alongside those of the other UK legislatures and the responses from the public consultation, will be taken into consideration as the draft JFS is reviewed for publication.

As such, a full response to the Committee will be provided in due course, before publication of the JFS in November. In the meantime, I am pleased to be able to share with you the UK Summary of Responses, which outlines themes identified in our analysis of the responses received to the consultation.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

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