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Dear Sir,

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**Acoura position on availability and proposed rescheduling of matters relating to the objection to certification of the North Sea Brown Shrimp fishery**

Acoura acknowledge the objection to the certification of the North Sea brown shrimp fishery and the acceptance of the same by the IA on 22 Aug 2017.

Acoura have now had the opportunity to ascertain the availability of the assessment team and head office staff. Due to prior commitments the team only have availability on 20, 28, 29 Sept. The matters of the objection are largely P2 based but the availability of the P2 team member is very restricted. The team and key head office staff are available 10-12 Oct and, as detailed in table 01 below, Acoura can produce a response to the notice of objection for 1700 London on 13 Oct 2017. Table 01 includes a proposed schedule based upon this fact. Acoura respectfully request if the IA, objector and client can accommodate the rescheduling proposed in Table 01.

Acoura hopes that this letter provides the information that all parties find relevant and useful. Should there be any further questions then please contact Jason on 0044 (0) 7515 586 596.

Yours sincerely



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Table 01. IA proposed scheduling and CAB proposed rescheduling

Date	Proposed schedule	Acoura comment/proposed reschedule
04-Sep		
05-Sep		
06-Sep		
07-Sep		
08-Sep		
09-Sep		
10-Sep		
11-Sep		
12-Sep	Client: 1300 CET Client suggest meeting Emmeloord	Too soon. Non-availability of CAB & team. CAB should respond to NoO before participating in meeting. Objector and client should ideally consider CAB response before meeting
13-Sep	IA: 1500 BST stakeholders and client comment on NoO	1500 BST stakeholders and client comment on NoO
14-Sep		
15-Sep		
16-Sep		
17-Sep		
18-Sep		
19-Sep		
20-Sep	IA: 1700 BST CAB respond to NoO and stakeholders from 13 Sept	Not possible due to previous non-availability of CAB & team
21-Sep		
22-Sep		
23-Sep		
24-Sep		
25-Sep	IA led negotiation	Too soon
26-Sep	IA led negotiation	Too soon
27-Sep	IA led negotiation	Too soon
28-Sep	IA led negotiation	Too soon
29-Sep	IA led negotiation	Too soon
30-Sep		
01-Oct		
02-Oct	IA led negotiation	Too soon
03-Oct	IA led negotiation	Too soon
04-Oct	IA led negotiation	Too soon
05-Oct	IA led negotiation	Too soon
06-Oct	IA led negotiation	Too soon
07-Oct		
08-Oct		
09-Oct		
10-Oct		Team (P2 is critical) and CAB available
11-Oct		
12-Oct		
13-Oct		1700 BST CAB respond to NoO and stakeholders from 13 Sept
14-Oct		

Date	Proposed schedule	Acoura comment/proposed reschedule
15-Oct		
16-Oct		Pause to give opportunity for negotiated settlement
17-Oct		
18-Oct	Oral hearing London	Too soon. Negotiations, redrafts, reconsideration will take time
19-Oct		
20-Oct		1300 CET Client meeting Emmeloord (delay to allow objector and client to consider CAB response). P1 & team lead unavailable, P2 available, P3 remote availability, CAB lead available
21-Oct		
22-Oct		
23-Oct		Pause to give opportunity for negotiated settlement
24-Oct		
25-Oct		
26-Oct		
27-Oct		
28-Oct		
29-Oct		
30-Oct		IA led negotiation
31-Oct		IA led negotiation
01-Nov		IA led negotiation
02-Nov		Pause to give opportunity for negotiated settlement
03-Nov		
04-Nov		
05-Nov		
06-Nov		Oral hearing called. Due process commences and dictates hearing date
07-Nov		