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Notes on STECF EWG 20-04 Evaluation of Landing Obligation JR

Observations on Joint Recommendations

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Landing obligation “The state of the Art”

-DEMERSALS:

- Derogations already in force will expire at the end of 2021
- No new exemption has been requested

-SMALL PELAGICS:

- Derogations expiring at the end of 2020
- PESCAMED, ADRIATICA, SUDESTMED Subregional groups JR
- No changes in the requested de minimis percentages
- No new requests of derogations

According to the «State of the art» of small pelagics derogations and the Article 15 par. 7 of Reg. EU 1370/2013



The Commission shall adopt delegated acts [...] setting the de minimis exemption



At the beginning of March the MEDAC Secretariat sent to the MS a request for the update of specific discard plan for small pelagics in the Mediterranean



The sub-regional groups sent the data for the evaluation by the STECF Expert Working Group



- The EWG has been held virtually from 18 to 22 May without observers
 - A separate observer meeting took place on 27 May
 - The final report will be available in the second half of June

Notes – Observer meeting

- ✓ The EWG had to evaluate several requests of derogation: therefore, a deep analysis has not been possible;
- ✓ The chair clarified that the STECF role is aimed to evaluate the supporting information provided for the derogations and not to take decision on their approval;
- ✓ During the observer meeting some MS representatives clarified some concerns raised up by the experts meeting;
- ✓ The relevance of selectivity and control activities improvement has been highlighted.

In the Mediterranean

- ✓ In some cases the de minimis request wasn't really supported by updated data because **discards** have been declared equal to **zero or higher than de minimis percentage requested**
- ✓ In some case **new info on disproportionate costs** are necessary and the socio-economic analysis should be supported by **more data** (reference to the detailed data submitted by MEDAC in the JR in 2014)



On the basis of the STECF observations the Commission could ask for more data/information to the sub-regional groups