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Dear lain,

Thank you for your email of 27 June 2017 in which you seek assurances, on behalf of the North & East Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group, regarding Parliamentary time for new fisheries legislation.

As you are aware, the Programme for Government 2016/17 set out our intention to introduce an Inshore Fisheries Bill in the second half of the Parliamentary session. However, if this is not possible due to reasons outwith our control such as Brexit, we will seek to ensure that measures required to deal with inshore fisheries management are taken forward by other means, in full consultation with all stakeholders.

Yours aye,

**FERGUS EWING** 



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