



## Long Distance Fleet Regional Advisory Council

**Ms. Lowry Evans**  
**General Director - DG Mare**  
**Brussels**

Brussels, August 28<sup>th</sup> 2012

Dear Ms. Evans,

I am writing you regarding the next NAFO annual meeting, to be held in St. Petersburg from 17<sup>th</sup> till 21<sup>st</sup> September.

As you know, the LDRAC has held on 27<sup>th</sup> August, in Brussels, the preparatory meeting with the European Commission, for which kind invitation to us I would like to thank you.

Prior to the above mentioned meeting, the LDRAC members were working on a draft recommendation, as we do the last year, taking into account the weight of this fishing ground to preserve the U.E. as an important international fishing player. Several comments to the first draft arrived during the approval process, and most of them were incorporated, however it was not possible to merge all the amendments proposed, and for that reason I am very pleased to send to your consideration a LDRAC recommendation, approved by consensus by the Executive Committee, as well as a letter with an alternative position from WWF on some points regarding the initial draft (since you said that sometimes could be useful for the EC to have all the positions and not only the consensus one). LDRAC is very interested to have European Commission feedback on this relevant matter.

We truly hope that we will have the chance to set a meaningful cooperation between the LDRAC representatives and the EC delegation for the NAFO Annual Meeting.

With my best regards,

Antonio Cabral  
President