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Dear FMAC / iFMAC members

## **SHELLFISH ENTITLEMENTS**

The purpose of this short note is to highlight to FMAC and iFMAC members comments made by the Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing in this afternoon's debate on sea fisheries in the Scottish Parliament. Addressing issues raised in the debate the Cabinet Secretary confirmed that it is the Scottish Government's intention to move now to establish new procedures to allow shellfish entitlements associated with sea fisheries licences to be separable from licences, and to allow them to be disaggregated in the same way as licence entitlements. The Cabinet Secretary indicated that this adjustment would be made to seek to mitigate any unnecessary inflationary pressure in the market for licences, and to make sure that capacity to undertake shellfish fishing was not inadvertently reduced when licences without entitlements are aggregated with those that do.

Marine Scotland officials will consider the steps necessary to implement this change and will consult with interested parties where necessary.

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