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MR. PRESIDENT
OF FEDERAL FISHERIES COUNCIL
DR. CARLOS DAMIÁN LIBERMAN
S / D

Re: Red shrimp fishery, stock situation, opening and closing criteria.

Dear Dr. Liberman:

We are pleased to contact you on the subject of reference.

On February 4th 2021, the Federal Fisheries Council received the INIDEP Advice and Transfer Report N° 7/2021, "Biological-fishery indicators for the management of the shrimp fishery (*Pleoticus muelleri*, Decapoda, Solenoceridae) in national waters", as indicated in the FFC Minute N° 2. This report presents a proposal for a limit indicator based on abundance (minimum monthly CPUE) as a criterion for closing and opening fishing areas.

This proposal for an abundance-based limit, similar to one that has already been adopted in years of very low abundance, is essential to ensure that a minimum biomass is left in the water that has been shown to be able to maintain recruitments in good condition, avoiding the recruitment overfishing. It is an essential complement to the current juvenile protection measure, which prevents overfishing for growth. This proposal also serves as a contingency plan, which has not yet been approved despite being foreseen in the Management Plan defined by the FFC in 2018.

However, we note with alarm that, six months after the receipt of the above-mentioned report, the FFC has not yet adopted this recommendation, while on the other hand important concerns are publicly expressed about the uncontrolled increase of effort and its potential effects on the stock health which is today the basis of the main Argentinean fishery.

In the hope that this letter will be considered in the constructive and collaborative spirit in which it was conceived, we send you our most distinguished regards.

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C/c: Federal Fisheries Council Councillors