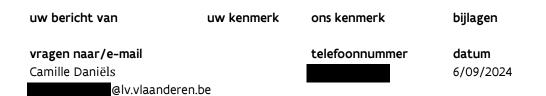
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Betreft: Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets - Transboundary Consultation

Dear

The Flemish agency of Agriculture and fisheries would like to react on the progress of the Morecambe Offshore Windfarm Generation Assets - Transboundary Consultation.

The agency does not agree with Volume 5 Chapter 13 Commercial Fisheries and Appendix 13.1 Commercial Fisheries Technical Report in regards to the conclusion of the impact on the Belgian fisheries active in the Morecambe area.

The Morecambe ICES rectangle 36E6 and surrounding area is an important area for the BE fisheries. Between 2019 and 2023 the landings of the area was on average 136 ton which account for at least 1% of the annual turnover of the Belgian fleet The agency notices that the cited data used in the technical report were from 2012 to 2016, which are not recent data and does not reflect the current activity and importance of the area for the Belgian fisheries. Furthermore recent data suggest the opposite of the cited data and show quite high steady fisheries activity with some fluctuation but no sign of decrease.

Further the Agency is puzzled why there was no mention of any assessment of the possible impact of Brexit on the EU-fisheries within the chapter and the technical report, and due to the use of data before 2020 this is also not reflected in the outcomes.

The Flemish Agency of Agriculture therefore askes to reevaluate Chapter 13 and the conclusions made by the technical report. The Agency would like to continue monitoring the developments and is open to be actively involved in further discussions. We will also always be available to provide additional or more detailed information if needed.

Sincerely,



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