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Subject: Pre-announcement of additional data to be requested in 2017 in connection with the recurrent data call of landings, discard and biological data to conduct fish stock assessment in 2017. The data requested will be used for the estimation of MSY proxies for selected category 3 and 4 stocks.

Dear Reader

Please find enclosed a document and appendices describing the rationale, scope and technical details of the data that will be requested. **This letter should not be considered a call for data at this stage.** The data will be requested at the beginning of 2017 together with the recurrent call for data to conduct the recurrent update fish stock assessment. Because the data requested are different from the data usually requested by ICES, it is considered that this announcement can assist ICES countries in their planning to ensure an efficient and timely data submission next year. ICES will request data on length for landings and discards for selected stocks in ICES categories 3 and 4.

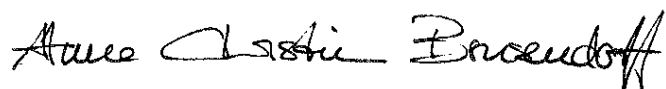
The data will be used by ICES stock assessment expert groups and other ICES activities in relation to the ICES advice, and to estimate MSY proxies for those stocks. Additional ICES Working Groups may also use the data to further develop stock assessment methods for the production of ICES advice.

The data requested will be analyzed and used for the scientific evaluation of the stock status and fish stock assessment used to provide advice. For countries which are also EU members this data call guarantees personal data protection, in accordance with Directive 95/46/EC of the European Parliament and of the

Council Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 of the European Parliament and of the Council, as referred to in Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008.

In case of questions please contact the ICES Secretariat (advice@ices.dk) for clarification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Anne Christine Brusendorff". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Anne Christine Brusendorff

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