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Mr Chairman,

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Please find attached our Weighted Points Table.

While still being members of TEFA, we cannot fully align ourselves with the viewpoint of most of the members. We refute the suggestion given in oral evidence that Leigh cannot process a larger proportion of the cockles caught daily. We also wish to distance ourselves from certain allegations regarding the alleged activities of some of the fisheries officers. Between the three companies, we employ 40+ local staff in the catching and processing sectors, while also supporting many local businesses. Therefore, it is our hope that our viewpoint is carefully considered by the committee. We would welcome direct dialogue with the chief fishery officer and/or his deputy to work towards finding some common ground going forward.

1. Licences, to keep it at 14 licences...why?

Current stocks do not support another licence being issued.

Use appendix 1 review process on how to issue licences in Year 6, so they can use this process after the Autumn surveys in year 2023, this should give an indication on whether another licence can be issued.

2. Licence to be held within a Limited Company...why?

This allies for more investment within the industry and individual companies. Also giving job security to those that work within that company.

If it was in an individual's name, what would happen to those employees and company if something happens to the named person. Companies should be allowed to be bought and sold within the fishery.

We want to push for more local processing so that more shellfish can be sold into the UK markets and put British shellfish on the supermarket shelves and into the main wholesale distribution chains with the added bonus of reducing the carbon footprint.

We can only do this if the fleet lands their catch to the local processors.

We can also export shellfish directly to Spanish suppliers, which is being done by local processors, but of course, this is only possible if a majority percentage of the catch is landed into local processors.

Appendix 1 - first 7 year cycle current family licence holders/skipper owned vessels should be given priority for the first 7 years....why?

We have not sold our licences on,

various significant investments have been made to keep our business viable, we have the necessary experience and knowledge to pass down to the next generation of fishers.

This should be a heavily weighted part of the criteria as we see it.

Permit fishery should include the 14 OTRO vessels...this should be sorted out at a later

date.

Previous licence holders that have sold their company should be excluded for the 28 year cycle of the new regulating order.

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Best regards

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