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Dear Jacob,

Thank you for your letter of 5 February 2024 regarding the Scottish Government's decision to close all Scottish waters for fishing for sandeel. The Sandeel (Prohibition of Fishing) (Scotland) Order 2024 was laid in Parliament on Monday 5 February.

I appreciate that this is not the outcome that Denmark would have wished for. However, as I mentioned in my letter of 2 February 2024 it is important to manage our marine environment in such a way as to ensure its sustainable use, while also protecting biodiversity and ensuring healthy functioning ecosystems.

I welcome the opportunity for discussion and would like to offer a meeting between our officials to discuss the underlying policies that lead to our decision.

Yours sincerely

MAIRI GOUGEON

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