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The Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine welcomes the approach to mineral exploration and mining in the marine space. It is vital to ensure as much data collection is carried out and scientific knowledge gaps are plugged before any exploration in the marine environment commences. However, it is vital that an early and full assessment of the impact on fisheries is explicitly included in the process of assessing the impact offshore mineral exploration and mining would have on the marine environment and natural capital.

Commercial sea fishing is a long standing, pre-existing and traditional activity in the marine environment. The evaluation and consideration of potential impacts on any commercial sea fishing activities needs to be given consideration as part of any planning/proposal process and during the development process itself. It is imperative that engagement should be sought with the fishing industry and other relevant stakeholders at as early a stage as possible to discuss any changes that may affect them to afford a chance for their input. Fishers' interests and livelihoods must be fully recognised, supported, and taken into account.

Kind Regards

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Tá an t-eolais san ríomhphost seo, agus in aon ceangláin leis, faoi phribhléid agus faoi rún agus le h-agmaigh an seolaí amháin. D'fhéadfadh ábhar an seoladh seo bheith faoi phribhléid profisiúnta nó dlíthiúil. Mura tusa an seolaí a bhí beartaithe leis an ríomhphost

seo a fháil, tá cosc air, nó aon chuid de, a úsáid, a chóipeál, nó a scaoileadh. Má tháinig sé chugat de bharr dearmad, téigh i dteagmháil leis an seoltóir agus scrios an t-ábhar ó do ríomhaire le do thoil.