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### **Invitation to Conference on Fully Documented Fisheries**

I am delighted to invite you to the Conference on Fully Documented Fisheries on 26 February 2019 in Copenhagen.

The conference will address the challenge of achieving full compliance with the landing obligation, which entered into full effect on 1 January 2019.

We must acknowledge that it is difficult to control compliance with the landing obligation with the available tools today. That is why we must look to new methods of ensuring compliance. Fully documented fisheries with the application of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) is a cost effective option, which ensures compliance because all catches are documented. It could benefit fish stocks since REM has the potential of encouraging fishermen to fish more selectively. The objective of attaining more selective fisheries is undertaken today through technical rules of e.g. gear requirements. With REM many detailed technical rules could become superfluous because the economic incentives of fishermen will be to choose more selective gears. In addition, monitoring data could provide scientists with more accurate information allowing for more up-to-date advice.

There are many exciting opportunities and challenges with REM we have yet to uncover. It would be my pleasure to have you at the Conference for some fruitful discussions about Fully Documented Fisheries on 26 February 2019 at Eigtveds Pakhus, Asiatisk Plads 2G, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Head of Section Joachim Munkstrup can be reached by e-mail at [joamun@um.dk](mailto:joamun@um.dk) should you have any questions. The agenda will follow. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

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