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Dear Mr Wheelhouse

I have great pleasure in submitting to you the report of the Wild Fisheries Review Panel that you established at the beginning of this year. It has been an exciting and interesting challenge.

We have sought to make the process of the review as open and collaborative as possible, and the result has been a remarkable level of engagement by the entire spectrum of people who have an interest in the subject. That has made our job a great deal easier than it might have been, and we are grateful for so much input from so many individuals who clearly care deeply about the future of our wild fisheries. This is a sector that is rich in enthusiasm, energy and personal commitment, all of which are ingredients that we believe bode well for its future.

The recommendations contained in our report are not revolutionary. They represent a sensible set of modernising steps for a sector that already delivers a great deal of value to this country. We are confident that they will collectively provide the foundations of a robust and sustainable approach to managing our wild fisheries in the years ahead.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Thin', is positioned above the printed name.

ANDREW THIN