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Dear Janet,

Please find below the answer to your Written Questions.

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister explain why the Welsh Government's monthly quota allows Welsh fishermen to catch 250kg of sole in the Vlla fishing area, whilst the UK Government quota for other UK fishing vessels in the Vlla fishing area is 3 tonnes? (WQ85305)

Janet Finch-Saunders (Aberconwy): Will the Minister outline why Welsh fishermen operating under Welsh Government fishing quotas in the Vlla area face different quotas to vessels operating under UK Government quotas in the same Vlla area? (WQ85307)

Lesley Griffiths: Monthly fishing opportunities (quotas) are set for a fishing vessel by the Fisheries Administration which administers its licence. There are no UK Government licences in this context. It is a matter for each Administration to set the monthly catch limits set out in vessel licences in accordance with the share of UK fishing opportunities for each stock/area apportioned to it. The amount of fishing opportunities (quota) available varies between Administrations, it is apportioned by the UK Government based on a number of historical factors. The Welsh Government has long argued for a 'fairer share' of UK quota.

Within Administrations, monthly catch limits will also vary between vessels depending on their size, the category of licence which is attached to it, and the quota management pool the vessel has elected to belong to.

Regards,



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