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RE: Letter of Support for the 2025 CSTMA research programs

To: HTA Board Members

I met with the board in January 2025 to provide science updates on the summer science survey to support the Turbot commercial fishery, the Baited Underwater Survey to examine by-catch in the Turbot fishery, Turbot fish plant monitoring program and the Turbot acoustic tagging and mooring array. During this time I discussed the continuation of these programs with the board. Presently, I am asking the board for formal support to continue all of our research activities for 2025. Research activities for 2025 include the summer science survey for Turbot, Baited Underwater Video Survey for Greenland Sharks, Turbot Fish plant monitoring program, and the Turbot acoustic tagging and mooring array.

We require a formal letter of support to move forward with our research planning and licensing to complete work this summer.

As mentioned, in 2025, our research team (led by K. Hedges and T. Loewen) will attend and present research at the AGM in December. This was requested by the HTA board members and we have made note to do so this year.

If you have any questions regarding our research programs, don't hesitate to reach out. I am available at 431-277-4308 or via email at Tracey.Loewen@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,



Tracey Loewen and Kevin Hedges

