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The Fisheries Bill as proposed, in respect of Sea Fisheries, is mainly concerned with updating the 1966 & 1967 acts (as amended) which have generally stood the test of time well and will remain in place subject to amendment by the present bill. In respect of Sea Fisheries the effect will be relatively minor with an update of penalty direct application of EU legislation and the introduction of a permit scheme to manage inshore fisheries which if used if used appropriately is probably for best.

Given the above I do not see the need to give further oral evidence to your Committee.

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