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Dear Professor Williams,

Thank you for your further letter of 8 July about the Devon and Severn Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA) and bespoke funding options.

I can confirm that your understanding outlined in points 1 to 3 of your letter dated 8 July is correct.

Furthermore, I can confirm that possibilities for future IFCA funding arrangements, including those specific to the Devon and Severn IFCA, are being considered. Defra officials involved will be keeping me updated about progress.

Further to my letters of 19 May and 25 June, Defra officials will arrange a meeting with yourself and Mr. Mat Mander once Defra and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government have clarity on what is feasible. Given the complexity of the issue, it may be that this meeting will not take place until mid-late August. Thank you for confirming that you wish to speak with the team ahead of the meeting with the relevant funding authorities.

I enjoyed visiting Brixham and thank you for your suggestion of meeting more regularly with IFCAs. I will ask Defra officials to explore opportunities for me to join a meeting with the IFCAs to further discuss your valuable work.

Yours sincerely,

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