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Dear Sir/Madam,

Subject: Water Framework Directive - Complaint against Norway concerning the removal of Furumokjela in Orkla river

On 19 December 2017, the EFTA Surveillance Authority (“the Authority”) received a complaint against Norway concerning the decision to permit the removal of Furumokjela in the river Orkla in Orkdal, Sør Trøndelag.

According to the complainant, the permit was given in violation of Article 4 of the Water Framework Directive (Directive 2000/60/EC).

In order for the Authority to examine and assess the complaint, the Norwegian Government is invited to provide the following information:

1. A copy of the decision to permit the removal of Furumokjela in Orkla river, along with any background documentation.
2. What is the status of the decision to permit the removal of Furumokjela within the Norwegian Administration? Which authority took the decision? Is the decision binding? Can the decision be appealed and, if so, has it been appealed?
3. Is the planned activity included in the River Basin Management Plan for the relevant River Basin?
4. Please explain which assessment has been made in relation to the Water Framework Directive (or the Norwegian Water Regulation). Will the project result in a deterioration of the status of the surface water and, if so, how has the exemption under Article 4.7 of the Water Framework Directive been applied to the permitting decision?

The Norwegian Government is invited to submit the above information, as well as any other information it deems relevant to the case, so that it reaches the Authority by *11 February 2018*. Please enclose copies of any relevant national legislation, including English translations if available.

Yours faithfully,

Gabrielle Somers
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This document has been electronically signed by Gabrielle Somers.