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Dear Svetlana,

A few comments on the net as requested.

We fished the net during the last week of the season and found that it had fished very successfully for mackerel close to the bottom and we are looking forward to trying it in midwater in the new season for mackerel and possibly tuna.

We were fishing in deep water between 140 and 180 metres with the wire lengths varying between 600 and 800 metres and main weights of 1 tonne with 700/800 kilos along the footrope.

We were getting a vertical opening suitable for fishing on the bottom of 30m. We found the net very easy to tow and could have towed gear a lot bigger but as we had tows of over 100 tonnes of mackerel the size was adequate with engine loading of 60%. We found the trawl easy to handle both for shooting and hauling.

The construction of the trawl seems good. We would not at present recommend any alterations until we have a chance to test it further. We have not yet had occasion to effect repairs Thank God but the materiel seems good although for some reason some of the small mesh tore easily.

We were pleased with the overall performance as regards catching and the last tow we had yielded approx 120 tonnes for 2 ½ hours towing.

We look forward to trying it on larger fish at the start of the next season and we will keep you updated on any progress.

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or by email.

Yours,
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Skipper MFV DELINN