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**Subject: Impact assessment - CFP reform**

Dear Ms Coers,

Thank you for your letter of 28 September 2009 expressing your interest in the Impact Assessment of the CFP.

I should clarify that we have two studies which are relevant in this context. Firstly, to comply with the Commission procedures concerning Impact Assessment, my services will engage an external consultant to undertake the basic analysis of the CFP, including economic, social and environmental impacts of policy options. For this analysis, no specific case studies are being identified as all EU fisheries have to be examined. Further, all stakeholders will be consulted equally for the duration of the Impact Assessment which should be completed by the autumn 2010.

In addition, DG MARE will shortly commission an EFF-initiated study that will examine socio-economic aspects of fishing-dependent communities in the EU. For this study a number of cases have been identified, where I can reassure you that ports dependent on pelagic fisheries are very well represented. The duration of this study will be 12 months.

I am very grateful for your interest in the CFP reform process and look forward to your active contribution to both of these initiatives.

Yours sincerely,

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