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Subject: Herring spawning grounds

Your reference: 1415/PAC 61

Dear Mr. Gatt,

Thank you for drawing our attention to the problems related to herring spawning grounds and for your willingness to collaborate with scientists to identify their location.

We have not planned any studies on this topic for the time being. Depending on budget availability, we will inquire with ICES as to whether they would be in a position to provide advice on this. My colleagues will keep you informed of any development in this respect. In the meantime, your views on the possible design of the work to be done are of course very welcome.

Thank you again for your continuous interest and constructive input. If you have any questions on this reply, you may contact Ms Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely,

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