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Dear Mr. Aguiar Machado,

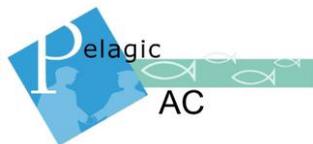
The Pelagic Advisory Council would like to submit a request regarding the STECF “Annual Economic Report on the EU fishing fleet”. This request has unanimously been endorsed by the Executive Committee.

Each year, STECF produces an extensive economic evaluation of the EU fishing fleet. During the Pelagic AC meeting on 3rd of October 2018, STECF presented an overview of the 2017 report. Results in terms of EU fleet structure, capacity, employment, productivity and profit were highlighted as well as analysis of economic trends over recent years.

Although the report covers different fleet segments and various regions, it was noted that it currently lacks a chapter on pelagic fisheries. Some pelagic results are presented but to a limited degree only – and are not representative for the EU pelagic sector as a whole. The economic investigation of the pelagic fleet could be taken much up further to present a separate, more accurate and complete overview of this segment in Europe.

The Pelagic AC firmly believes the inclusion of a specific pelagic chapter in the STECF fleet report is needed for the report to fully reflect the correct fleet structure in Europe. The inclusion of such a chapter would present the sector proportionally relative to the demersal fleet and highlight its importance in Europe in terms of economic performance. Such a chapter would also capture the impact of reductions in catch advice. Therefore, the Pelagic AC would greatly appreciate your assistance in requesting STECF to include a chapter on pelagics in their forthcoming reports.





The Pelagic AC remains at your disposal to cooperate with STECF and offer its full support to carry out this work, such as by helping to provide relevant data. As a separate issue, the Pelagic AC would also welcome more results on social facts, bearing in mind that the social component of fisheries falls within the scope of the Common Fisheries Policy.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration of the above.

Looking forward to your response,

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jesper Raakjær".

Jesper Raakjær
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