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**Subject: Update Pelagic AC work on additional blue whiting evaluations as input to ICES for WGWIDE**

*Your reference: 1819/PAC82*

Dear Mr Raakjær,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 25 July 2019 regarding PELAC work on additional blue whiting evaluations.

Unfortunately, your letter reached our services in the summer period, and it was not possible for us to submit your contribution to ICES for inclusion on the agenda of the ICES WGWIDE, which met already on 28 August. At this stage, it would have no sense to transmit it to this Working Group.

I apologise for the delay encountered in answering you and for not having been able to transmit your request to ICES in time. Let me also thank you again for your commitment and cooperation.

I am looking forward to our continued cooperation. Should you have any question regarding this letter, you may contact Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs, ([pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu](mailto:pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu); + 32 2 29 56273).

Yours sincerely,

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