TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Subject: Collection of information to support study on regionalisation and the Common Fisheries Policy

The European Commission has commissioned two consortia led by Wageningen Marine Research (Lot 1) and MRAG Europe Limited (Lot 2) to conduct the above mentioned study in different geographic regions.

The objective of this study, implemented by the Executive Agency for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME), on behalf of the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE), is to provide a comprehensive overview of the Common Fisheries Policy regionalisation’s functioning process. It shall contribute to an improved understanding of how regionalisation has functioned until now and in what way it has contributed to better fisheries management. This shall be achieved by mapping, assessing and evaluating the role regionalisation has had in improved governance.

The study team will be collecting information and consulting with stakeholders at EU and national levels. DG MARE and EASME attach great importance to the successful outcome of this study. Therefore, I would be grateful if all private and institutional contacts could offer their collaboration and provide the consortium with the information requested. Your help will greatly contribute to the successful outcome of the study.

The appropriate confidentiality and non-disclosure clauses have been agreed to by the contractors.

Should you request any further information on the study, please contact the DG MARE responsible official, Evelien Ranshuysen (evelien.ranshuysen@ec.europa.eu), or the EASME Project Adviser responsible for this study, David Sanmiguel Esteban (david.sanmiguel-esteban@ec.europa.eu).

Yours faithfully,

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1 Extract from the Framework Contract for services between the Commission and the Contractor, regarding confidentiality and non-disclosure enclosed in Annex I.
Enclosure: Annex I - Extract from the Framework Contract for services between the Commission and the Contractor, regarding confidentiality and non-disclosure.