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Subject: Consultation regarding mackerel dispute
CC: Olivier Baudalet (by e-mail)

Dear Ms Evans,

Thank you very much for the consultation document regarding the implementation of Regulation (EU) No 1026/2012 in the context of the mackerel dispute.

After having discussed this issue with members of the Pelagic RAC the Executive Committee has agreed that this consultation should not fall within the remit of the Pelagic RAC as it deals with purely economic questions. The Pelagic RAC sees its mission in providing advice on the management of fish stocks and in developing long term management plans for the relevant stocks by drawing from the expertise of industry representatives, NGOs, recreational fishermen, women's networks and other interest groups in close cooperation with scientists. The current consultation, however, addresses only one of the interest groups represented in the Pelagic RAC, namely the fishing sector, and therefore the Pelagic RAC believes that it should be left to industry representatives to answer this consultation.

Please do not hesitate to contact me in case you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V. Ohms', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ms Verena Ohms
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