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Dear Mr Machado,

Thank you very much for the Commission's request of advice on post 2020 EU funding for fisheries and maritime sectors. As you pointed out in your letter the Advisory Councils are key partners in the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy. The issue of funding is of great importance to the Pelagic Advisory Council, as reflected in our previous efforts to draw attention to funding needs for relevant research projects to be carried out in partnership with Advisory Councils.

To ensure a proper consultation of all our members, however, it will be indispensable to thoroughly discuss the topic at our next meeting. As you are well aware, our resources are limited and it is not possible to arrange a meeting prior to our next regular meeting scheduled on 1 March 2018. Therefore, we will not be able to adhere to the deadline of 5 February 2018 and instead submit our comments to the consultation as soon as possible after 1 March 2018.

We hope for your understanding.

Kind regards,

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

Jesper Raakjær
Chairman Pelagic AC

