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Subject: Request for opportunity to convey PelAC views on Energy transition

Dear Ms. Charlina Vitcheva,

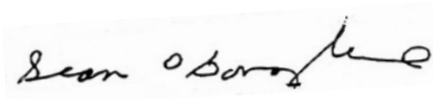
The Pelagic Advisory Council (PelAC) welcomes the Commission initiative on Energy transition in the fisheries and aquaculture sectors published in February 2023, and awaits the Commission kick-off conference announced to take place on 16 June 2023 with great interest and anticipation.

On 20 April 2023, the PelAC has organized a virtual workshop on Energy transition in the pelagic sector, to which the Commission participated to present the newly released communication on the matter. The workshop sought to bring together experts and stakeholders for a first discussion on the available technologies as well as the challenges to overcome for the pelagic sector to transition to zero carbon emissions. We believe the workshop resulted in valuable insights to build on further and that serve as a starting point for the PelAC to advise the Commission in this arena. In light of the Commission kick-off Conference on Energy transition planned shortly after our workshop, the PelAC would greatly appreciate an opportunity to report on these workshop outcomes through a speaking slot during this event on June 16.

Should this not be possible, the PelAC asks the Commission if another conference which is (at least partially) dedicated to the pelagic segment of the fisheries sector could be organized in the near future, to ensure our input and messages can be shared with the Commission services as well as other stakeholders in a dynamic and timely manner.

We thank you in advance for your kind consideration of the above, and look forward to your response.

Kind regards,



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Chairman Pelagic AC