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Dear Ms Tankink,

Subject: Commission requests for ICES training

Following requests by DG MARE, ICES recently provided an introductory training on stock assessment ([link](#)) as well as a separate training for ecosystem-based management (EBM) ([link](#)). In response to enquiries from various ACs, both courses were opened for participation by a limited number of AC representatives, and we would like to thank DG MARE for the opportunity to participate.

Unfortunately, notification on both occasions was provided only approx. a week prior to each event, which meant that the possibility to participate by both members as well as the Secretariats was severely limited. Members and Secretariats alike believe they could benefit greatly from these trainings, therefore it was disappointing to be notified at such a late stage.

We would greatly appreciate if requests made by the Commission to ICES for training in the future could include notification from the Commission to the AC Secretariats so that the ACs are aware of the planning as early as possible. It would also be useful if a set number of AC representatives for participation could be agreed upon in advance. Finally, if possible, members of the ACs would be grateful if another training session with ICES on ecosystem-based management (EBM) could be organised in the near future.



We thank you for your continued support of the work of the Advisory Councils and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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