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Dear colleagues,

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd of May regarding the Commission requests for ICES trainings.

For the past couple of years, DG MARE has requested ICES to provide an Introductory training on stock assessment and, since last year, a training on Ecosystem Based Management (EBM). Since 2020, these trainings have been organised online, allowing for remote participation. Although these trainings are primarily aimed at providing colleagues, first in the Commission, but also in the EU institutions and Member States, with an introductory course on stock assessment and on EBM, depending on the uptake, a limited number of places can be made available to colleagues from the ACs. For example, this was the case when the participation of all AC colleagues who showed interest in this year's EBM training was facilitated.

We have taken due note of your request to give you more notice in the future on available training and to allow participation according to the places available on the trainings. With regards to the EBM training, DG MARE has not yet taken a position regarding the possibility to regularly organise this training on a yearly basis. However, more editions of this training could be organised in the future, for which the ACs will be informed in due time.

Thank you for your interest and participation in the above mentioned trainings and I am looking forward to continuing our cooperation,

Yours faithfully,

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