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Subject: Concerns regarding participation of the Advisory Councils in the process of adopting a delegated act under EU Regulation 2023/2842

Dear Ms. Charlina Vitcheva,

On behalf of its members, the Pelagic Advisory Council (PelAC) wishes to express concerns regarding the process of defining the implementing act to be published by 10 July 2024 that will list the ports which comply with the rules on conditions pertaining to the landing and weighing of catches of fisheries under EU Regulation 2024/2842 regarding fisheries control.

The criteria that will be used to define the conditions pertaining in particular to the landing and weighing of catches of fisheries and the subsequent definition of the initial list of ports which comply with the conditions are of the utmost importance for achieving the objectives of the revised control regulation in the EU. It is also important to highlight that this particular implementing act can have significant impacts on the activities of several fleets that are under the remit of the PelAC, especially taking into account paragraph 4 of Article 14, regarding the possibility to apply margins of tolerance for unsorted landings.

Therefore, the members of PelAC are concerned that no clear information is available on the process of defining the criteria and consulting with members states. Furthermore, we believe an adequate consultation of the relevant Advisory Councils should take place and we have no indication of when and how this will take place.





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

Kind regards,

Sean O'Donoghue
Chairman Pelagic Advisory Council

