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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Ms Philippe, Mr Sverdrup-Jensen and Mr Skau Fischer,

Thank you for your letter of 23 May 2025 regarding the implementation of the Fisheries Control Regulation, as well as for your continued engagement and your follow-up questions. We greatly value the Advisory Councils' sustained and constructive contributions, which demonstrate a strong commitment to sustainable fisheries and the competitiveness of the EU sector.

I would first like to apologise for the delay in responding to your detailed letter. However, I would like to reassure you that your input was carefully reviewed upon receipt. Your comments have been duly taken into account in the preparation of the Commission's implementing and delegated acts. I sincerely value the thoughtful advice provided by NWWAC, PelAC, and NSAC, and I consider our ongoing dialogue as essential.

We appreciate your recognition of the Commission's efforts to maintain an open and inclusive engagement. The joint workshop held in February clearly demonstrated the value of collaboration in addressing implementation challenges and developing practical solutions.

Your detailed recommendations—covering compliance risk assessment, harmonised REM measures, electronic reporting, small-scale fisheries tracking, infringements, landings and weighing protocols, Margin of Tolerance, engine power monitoring, EMFAF accessibility, and Article 44 on demersal catch separation—are all noted with appreciation and were taken into account in the preparation of the delegated and

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implementing acts that were adopted and published ⁽¹⁾ in advance of the January 2026 entry into force of certain provisions of the revised fisheries Control Regulation.

We look forward to continuing this constructive exchange and remain open to participating to a second workshop that the Advisory Councils would jointly organise, along the lines of the very useful February one.

On your request for a consolidated version of the revised Regulation, we fully share your interest in ensuring legal clarity and accessibility. However, the preparation of such consolidated texts falls under the responsibility of the Council Secretariat and the Publications Office. The next update is expected in 2026, following the entry into force of the upcoming provisions.

We would be pleased to continue this exchange and are looking forward to an opportunity to meet, as mentioned above, to further discuss the Advisory Councils' input.

Yours sincerely,

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(¹) see : [Implementing regulation - 2025/2196 - EN - EUR-Lex](#) , [Delegated regulation - EU - 2025/1766 - EN - EUR-Lex](#)