



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: Reply BSAC letter on the draft amending Commission Delegated Regulation on the functioning of the Advisory Councils

Dear Mr Sverdrup-Jensen,

I would like to thank you for the BSAC reply to the [public consultation](#) on the draft Commission act amending the rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils (ACs) under the CFP. We welcome your feedback and are pleased to see that the BSAC is satisfied with the overall proposal and that many measures included therein are already in practice in your AC.

Let me stress the specific emphasis given to the representation of the small-scale fleet within ACs, which has been a provision in force since 2014. The Commission will keep encouraging sufficient representation of this type of fisheries, in line with the rules of the CFP Regulation¹, as they most often make up the majority of the fleet in many Member States (including in the Baltic) and need therefore to be given appropriate consideration.

We understand the wish to receive feedback on how ACs recommendations feed into policy development. The Staff Working Document² accompanying the Annual Communication provides, each year, such an overview. The Commission will continue its efforts to take best possible account of recommendations received and to include in the Policy Statement, as it does since 3 years now, a summary of how these recommendations were taken on board policies and initiatives developed.

Concerning the criteria available in Annex I to the draft Regulation, the Commission stands of course ready to assist you in implementing the provisions of the act.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward it to relevant colleagues.

¹ Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, OJ L 354, 28.12.2013, p. 22–61.

² SWD/2021/122 final.

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