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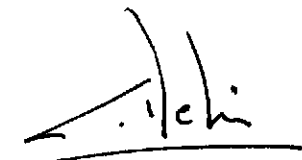
Dear Ms Harkes,

Thank you for your letter setting out the views of the Pelagic RAC on RBM.

Of course, the Commission is fully aware that the decisions to implement management systems remain the competence of the Member State authorities. Our objective of this consultation is to animate a debate on the use of RBM in fisheries and share information on best practices.

I am pleased to inform you that a study on various applications of RBM systems in EU fisheries will commence shortly. This shall indeed provide valuable knowledge to both Member States and the industry, drawing on practical experiences in various fisheries. We will of course ensure that the results of this study are disseminated as widely as possible upon completion.

As you may appreciate, this is a very wide and articulated topic, and the contribution of those who have experience is in our view essential if we want to build up and share knowledge. I therefore hope that the Pelagic RAC will be able to contribute to this exercise and I look forward to further exchanges in the future.


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