



Mr Costas Kadis
Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans
European Commission
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Dear Commissioner Kadis,

The North Western Waters Advisory Council (NWWAC) would like to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Commissioner for Fisheries and Oceans following the parliamentary election of the new college of Commissioners.

Set up under Article 43 of the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the NWWAC is a stakeholder-led organisations composed of representatives of the fishing industry and Other Interest Groups (e.g., environmental NGOs, recreational fishers) providing advice to the Commission and the Member States on matters related to the management, and the socio-economic and conservation aspects of fisheries in its remit area, the North Western Waters.

Now in its 20th year of operation, the NWWAC is contributing to a wide range of policies and initiatives both at Commission as well as Member States level. In line with your mission letter and your answers to the parliamentary questionnaire, in the upcoming period, the NWWAC will continue its work on the implementation and evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy, the European Oceans Pact, landing obligation and technical matters, marine spatial planning and impacts from offshore renewable energy developments, and the sector's energy transition, among many other priorities.

The NWWAC looks forward to a close collaboration with you as Commissioner and your Cabinet. Our members appreciate the close connection with and participation by the DG MARE team during the NWWAC's Executive Committee, Working Group and Focus Group meetings. The Commission's availability to support important in-person workshops on various topics, such as species management and the control regulation, as well as the regularly held Inter-AC meeting between DG MARE and all Advisory Councils, is highly valued as it allows all stakeholders to interact directly with Commission representatives. In addition, with the coming into force of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, the Inter-AC Brexit Forum has provided an important work environment for a collaborative approach between affected ACs and the Commission regarding topics addressed in the Specialised Committee on Fisheries.

In respect of the Commission's preparation of its proposal to the Council on Fishing Opportunities 2025, I welcomed Director-General Vitcheva's recent invitation to the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Advisory Councils for the roundtable ahead of the December AGRI-FISH Council, which I hope will be an opportunity to further our acquaintance.

Yours sincerely,

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