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Subject: New Aquaculture Advisory Council Advice on the Specific Protection of Shellfish Water Quality

Dear Mr. Ojeda,

I would like to thank the Aquaculture Advisory Council for providing DG MARE with its Recommendation on the Specific Protection of Shellfish Water Quality.

Your expertise and advice are an important contribution to the work we are conducting, specifically in the context of the review of the Strategic Guidelines on the sustainable development of EU aquaculture. Your advice is very timely.

In parallel, the Fitness check on the Water Framework Directive, its associated Directives and the Floods Directive, has been published. These concluded that the legislation is overall fit for purpose, albeit with some room for enhanced effectiveness.

We have shared your advice with our colleagues from DG ENV and DG SANTE. We will work together with them and come back to you should any comments arise on the European Commission side.

I thank you again for your Recommendation and invite you to contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (pascale.colson@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.62.73), should you have any question on this reply.

Yours sincerely,

*With best wishes
for the New Year!*

Bernhard FRIESS
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