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Dear Brian Thomsen

Following the ongoing Aquaculture Advisory Council recommendation on the Decarbonification of finfish farming facilities, AAC requested further information from the Member States. Denmark hereby submits the following answers to the questions below.

1) Does your administration take decarbonisation into consideration in the spatial planning of finfish farms, especially the distance between the sites provided to offshore marine farms and the harbours at which they operate?

The question has been submitted to the Ministry of Environment of Denmark, who has provided the following reply:

In Denmark, the applicant chooses the placement of the marine finfish farm as a part of their application, and the Environmental Protection Agency ensures that a possible permit is in accordance with existing regulations, including the Environmental Assessment Act. The Environmental Assessment Act takes into account greenhouse gasses and regulates all plans and specific projects, such as aquaculture facilities. These projects must undergo an environmental impact assessment, including an assessment of whether the specific project involves a significant emission of greenhouse gases.

2) Does your Member State provide EMFAF support for investment and/or innovation projects aimed at reducing emissions of GHG from land-based and/or marine fish farming facilities?

The Danish EMFAF-programme provides support for investment projects aimed at reducing greenhouse gasses from land-based fish-farming facilities. Projects may e.g include investements in oxygen-boxes and turbo blowers in order to improve energy efficiency.

The Danish EMFAF-programme also provides support for innovation and testing projects, which aim to to reduce GHG. This may e.g. include development of circular usage of waste products, which can be used as fish food, or innovative energy efficient technologies.

Yours sincerely,

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A copy of this letter has been sent to the Danish Ministry of Environment