

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels, MARE.A.2/LDCI

**Subject:** AAC Recommendation on the draft guidance document on environmental performance in EU aquaculture

Dear Mr Brian Thomsen,

I would like to thank you for the Aquaculture Advisory Council (AAC)'s recommendation on the draft guidance document on environmental performance in EU aquaculture.

My services have made sure that this recommendation was carefully looked at and considered as much as possible by the EU Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism in the draft document on environmental performance that was presented to Member States and to the AAC in June. The Commission is now working on transforming this document into a Commission Staff Working Document, which should be published in early 2026.

I take the opportunity to thank the AAC for your involvement in the preparation of this and other documents.

I am looking forward to continuing our constructive cooperation. Should you have further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia RUBECK, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (Julia.Rubeck@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.296.88.89), who will forward them to relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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