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with the SWWRAC on an
INTERREG project**

Dear NWWRAC president,

I have the honor to send you a sum up of the GEPETO project. The SWWRAC aims to submit it to the next call for proposals of the INTERREG IVB Program for the "Atlantic Space".

The objective of the project is to contribute to the implementation of long-term management plans for fisheries. It also aims to achieve, by realizing a fisheries mapping, a common and shared understanding of fishery management.

Last year, the Regional Advisory Council for Northern Western Waters was already an associated partner of this project. We are now working on a redrafted version of the project, and thinking about stronger partnership.

For organizational matters, and to preserve a geographical equilibrium in the work that will be done, the project is divided into 4 working areas (Bay of Biscay, Portugal and the Gulf of Cadiz, Northern Spanish Coast, island regions). The collaboration with partners from your RAC would permit **to add a fifth working area to the project** (the ICES area VIIe and eventually VIId).

I would be grateful if you could solicit the members of your RAC, so that the members interested in participating to this project can contact our secretariat.

In the synthesis enclosed to this letter, find a more detailed proposal of what could be the nature of your collaboration on this project. I invite you to take this proposal into account and feel free to send us your amends. The same process is on with scientific institutes who have an interested on these areas.

I am sure we can find a constructive way to collaborate together on this project,

Yours faithfully,

Victor Badiola
SWWRAC President