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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,  
MARE.A.2/FL

**Subject: North Western Waters Advisory Council position paper on the Ocean Pact**

Dear Ms Philippe,

Thank you for your letter including the NWWAC position paper on the Ocean Pact.

The Ocean Pact will provide a holistic approach across all policy areas related to the ocean and aim to propose a single reference framework. It will look at protecting and restoring ocean health, boosting the sustainable competitiveness of the blue economy while supporting coastal, island communities and outermost regions. It will build on advancing ocean research and strengthening ocean observation, knowledge, skills and innovation. It will also consider maritime security as a prerequisite and aim for a stronger EU ocean diplomacy and international rules-based governance.

The Pact will rely on collaboration across EU institutions, Member States, regions, and with relevant stakeholders including fishers, innovators, investors, scientists, and civil society.

Your contribution and commitment to support the Ocean Pact is very valuable. We have analysed and considered the NWWAC's contribution while preparing the Ocean Pact, which has now been adopted by the European Commission.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox [MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu](mailto:MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu).

Yours sincerely,

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