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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: NWWAC Advice on the Vision for Agriculture and Food 2040 and the proposed Vision for Fisheries and Aquaculture 2040

Dear Ms Philippe,

I would like to thank the North Western Waters Advisory Council for its advice on the Vision for Agriculture and Food 2040 and on the proposed Vision for Fisheries and Aquaculture 2040.

I fully agree on the need to integrate fisheries and aquaculture strategically into the broader Commission agenda, including through the food policy debate as well as discussions around energy transition and climate resilience. Being actively part of this overarching agenda will also ensure that funding of these policies is a priority for Member States in the context of the future Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF). My services are working closely with DG AGRI – as well as other key DGs – to reinforce our cooperation on subjects of mutual interest.

I take note of the different submissions you mention and of the specific measures that you highlight as particularly relevant for fisheries and aquaculture in the Vision for Agriculture and Food 2040. Along with the other elements you present (fair global competition, reduction of critical dependencies, strengthening of resilience, improvement of consumer awareness, reduction of administrative burden), we will keep these in mind as we work on the future direction of the policy to be presented in the Vision 2040.

We are still at the beginning of this process: throughout the coming months, we will be building on the various consultation processes (CFP Regulation evaluation, energy transition partnership, external action strategy) as well as the results of the evaluation itself

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and insights provided in the Fishers of the Future foresight study. Our objective is to present the Vision for aquaculture and fisheries in the second half of 2026.

Rest assured that the Advisory Councils will continue to play a central role throughout this process. I look forward to our continued fruitful cooperation on the fisheries and aquaculture policy agenda.

Should you have any further questions, please contact Ms. Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu

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