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M. Jean-Marie Robert
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Subject: Long-term management of anchovies in the Bay of Biscay

Your ref.: SWWAC opinion no. 101

Dear Mr Robert,

Thank you for SWWAC opinion No. 101 putting forward a proposal for the long-term management of anchovies in the Bay of Biscay. As we have also out in the past, we are very grateful to the SWWAC for its constructive contribution to the development of the management rules for anchovies in the Bay of Biscay.

Once again SWWAC's recommendations are very clear and follow the STECF's opinion in adopting a sustainable and responsible approach. We are therefore now examining whether it is possible to implement them for the current year. For the future, it is important to maintain stable long-term management to help the stock to recover in the years when the biomass is weak and allow it to develop in the years of high recruitment.

I would like to thank you for this constructive contribution. If you have any further questions, I would ask you to contact Mrs Evangelia Georgitsi, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely,

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