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Subject: SWW RAC Recommendation on the reinforcement of the technical capacities of the “insular sub-division” working group

Reference: Your opinion no. 74 dated 14 March 2013

Dear Mr Badiola,

Thank you for your recommendation on the reinforcement of the technical capacities of the “insular sub-division” working group. We are fully aware that some fishing organisations lack the technical and legal knowledge to allow them to be fully involved in the discussions.

We think that the creation of the “insular sub-division” working group is a good initiative which enables players involved in fishing to exchange on common subjects and at the same time improve their knowledge. The possible allocation of additional funds to this group is SWW RAC’s responsibility, within the framework of its budget. We cannot increase the Commission’s subsidy due to the fact that we do not have additional funds which could be used for that purpose. Moreover, this subsidy is the same for all RACs.

We hope that this reply covers the subject of your opinion no. 74. If you have further questions, we would ask you to contact Mr Olivier Baudelet, RAC coordinator ([Olivier.baudelet@ec.europa.eu](mailto:Olivier.baudelet@ec.europa.eu); 32.2.295.68.70).

Yours sincerely

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