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The Director-General

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**Subject: Conference with DG MARE staff on the NSAC advice on the decarbonisation of the fishing fleet**

Dear Mr Skau Fisher,

I would like to thank the NSAC for its participation to the internal DG MARE conference on energy transition that took place on 25 January 2023, during which the NSAC presented its advice on the decarbonisation of the fishing fleet.

DG MARE much appreciated this in-depth discussion on existing and developing technologies, methodologies and strategies for improved energy efficiency and final transition to zero emissions. This discussion brought very useful insights into the on-going preparation of the Commission's initiative on energy transition in fisheries and aquaculture.

That conference was the first of a new programme of interactions with the Advisory Councils (ACs) that I announced during the Inter-ACs of 17 November 2022. The objective of this initiative is to develop additional channels of communication between ACs and DG MARE in a more informal setting. We selected your advice for this first conference given the quality of its findings and its thorough methodology. We will engage with the other ACs in the coming weeks and offer each of them the same opportunity.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

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