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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Mr Ronelöv Olsson,

I would like to thank you for the NSAC advice regarding the cod box in the Kattegat, approved by consensus by the NSAC Executive Committee on 24 July 2026.

It is clear that the cod stock in Kattegat is in a poor state, considering the consecutive zero catch advice from ICES and its historically low spawning stock biomass. Remedial measures are in place in the Fishing Opportunities Regulation since 2020, and the concerned Member States are encouraged to formulate a joint recommendation for future remedial measures. While, as recognised in your advice, it is for the concerned Member States to re-evaluate and consider the effectiveness of the cod box and any future action, your advice will be brought to their attention in the context of such joint recommendation.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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