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Objet: Opinion 84: Long term management of anchovy in the Bay of Biscay

Your ref. Email from Jean-Marie Robert July 2014

Dear Mr Bilbao,

Thank you for SWW RAC's opinion concerning the long-term management of anchovy in the Bay of Biscay.

SWW RAC's involvement and the analysis of the impact of the anchovy management measures in the Bay of Biscay in the context of the work of the Scientific, Technical and Economics Committee for Fisheries (CSTEP) in 2013 and 2014 was very positive. We are very grateful for SWW RAC's constructive contribution to the development of management options.

Your recommendations of management measures for the anchovy stock are based on CSTEP's scientific opinion. By limiting the risk of overfishing to less than 5%, and by setting the maximum TAC at a moderate value, we are increasing the chances of achieving sustainable long-term management. Also, your recommendation to change the management period by returning to management over the civil year is acceptable to us after CSTEP's opinion.

As you know, the new common fisheries policy promotes a pluri-annual approach to fisheries management which will allow us to attain the objective of sustainable exploitation of biological sea resources in a more efficient way. In this framework, the Commission will continue to work at the inter-institutional level to manage the anchovy stock in the Bay of Biscay in the long term. In any case, I would like to assure you that your management recommendations will be taken into account in the discussions with the Member States aimed at improving the management of the stock.

I thank you for your constructive contribution. If you have any further questions, I would invite you to contact Mrs Evangelia Georgitsi, regional advisory council coordinator (evangelia.georgitsi@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.04.43).

Yours sincerely.

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