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Mr Javier Ojeda
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Council
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Subject: Advice by the Aquaculture Advisory Council

Dear Mr Ojeda,

Let me first thank the Aquaculture Advisory Council and its members for the four latest recommendations provided to us on the promotion of the use of fish vaccines replacing the use of antimicrobials, on fish welfare at slaughter, on “Fish In Fish Out” and on import of subsidised portion sized rainbow trout from Turkey.

As you know, your expertise and insights are very important for our work in DG MARE, but also for the work of our colleagues in other services, with whom we have shared your recommendations.

As we have already had the opportunity to explain to you, the Commission is working on the review of the 2013 Strategic Guidelines on the sustainable development of EU aquaculture. Our objective is to adopt new guidelines in late 2020 after an extensive consultation with all stakeholders. We will take into account these recommendations, as well as others you may send us later, in the context of this review and of our reflection on the future of EU aquaculture.

I also take this opportunity to reiterate our invitation to your experts to join our next Aquaculture Technical Seminar on 17 October 2019, together with representatives from Member States. This will be the opportunity for the Aquaculture Advisory Council to comment and participate in the discussion on the review of the Strategic Guidelines. My colleagues from Unit A2 will soon send further information to your Secretariat about this joint session.

I am looking forward to our continued cooperation and invite you to contact Ms Pascale Colson, coordinator of the ACs (Pascale.Colson@ec.europa.eu, +32 2 56273) should you have any question regarding this letter.

Yours sincerely,

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