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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
MARE/B2/LM

Subject: ICCAT MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION PROCESSES FOR 2025 AND PARTICIPATION IN AMBASSADORS' MEETINGS

Dear Chairs and Presidents of the Advisory Councils,

Dear Ruben FARIAS, Sergio LOPEZ, Ivan LOPEZ, Antonio MARZOA NOTLEVSEN

Thank you for your letter regarding the ICCAT Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) processes. I appreciate your interest in the management of ICCAT regulated species and the importance of being informed about the evaluation of management strategies.

I would like to apologise for the late reply to your letter, which is fully due to an administrative oversight on our behalf. Please be assured that we are taking steps to prevent such delays in the future.

An intersessional meeting of Panel 1 on Tropical Tunas MSE was organised on 8 October 2025 where the review of the progress made by the SCRS in 2025 has been presented. This meeting should also provide us with a better view on the process and timeline in light of the progress made.

The Commission will be happy to debrief on this at the ICCAT stakeholders meeting organised by DG MARE on 13 October 2025 where the views of European stakeholders can be discussed and taken into consideration. Once we have a better understanding of the timeline, we would be more than happy to identify the key moments where input from stakeholders should be sought. We have been informed that an ICCAT Ambassadors

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meeting should be organised at the end of 2025 or early 2026. We would be happy to work with the Advisory Councils in this respect, as we did for Eastern Bluefin tuna, taking into account potential logistical limitations.

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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