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Dear Mr Zieliński,

Thank you for having shared the recommendation of the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC) on the Communication on the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP): today and tomorrow ⁽¹⁾ and specifically the BSAC their involvement and feedback on the projects and deliverables announced by the Commission. This feedback and involvement is valuable and crucial and I welcome this.

I would also like you to continue this engagement, more specifically, to continue to raise your feedback in the road ahead of us. The communication your recommendation takes central, is part of the [fisheries and oceans package](#) that reported on the implementation of the policy to date and launched a dialogue going further into detail of the key challenges for Europe's fisheries today.

On the basis of the past year's intensive dialogue, the Commission recently announced the evaluation of the CFP Regulation. It will provide a general view on how the existing Regulation, its instruments and measures are performing on the general objective of ensuring that fisheries and aquaculture are environmentally and economically sustainable and managed in a way that is consistent with the objectives of achieving economic, social and employment benefits.

As per the Better Regulation guideline, our external consultation system is based on the call for evidence – the entry point for public consultation and feedback on the initiatives of the Commission. We aim to publish this call for evidence document soon on [the have your say portal](#) and will alert all stakeholders, including the Advisory Councils, once published. This sets out the key elements of the impact assessment, including the problem definition, objectives, policy options and an initial appraisal of the expected impacts, data needs and consultation activities.

We will take available reports, and previous received recommendations and feedback throughout the past years into account in this evaluation, but please use the possibility once the call for evidence is published to highlight any important submitted recommendations to us.

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

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Yours sincerely,

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