



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels
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Subject: Reply to MedAc letter Ref. 267/2023

Dear Mr Marzoa Notlevsen,

Thank you for your letter 267/2023 concerning your advice on preparations of the decisions on the fishing opportunities for 2024 for fish stocks in the EU Mediterranean Waters.

I would like to inform you that the Council has adopted Regulation (EU) 2024/259 on 10 January 2024 fixing for 2024 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks applicable in the Mediterranean and Black Seas and the document was published in the Official Journal of the European Union on 11 January 2024 ⁽¹⁾.

Let me reassure you that the Commission has taken into account the socio-economic impact of all proposed measures and has closely listened to your requests when further developing the compensation mechanism, including criteria suggested by the MedAc. The Council agreement is on the one hand implementing the legal provisions of the West Med MAP based also on the scientific advice, while addressing with the compensation mechanism the socio-economic impact of the measures and the need to ensure enhanced protection of juveniles and spawners, as well as increased protection measures for the marine environment.

Regarding the implementation of the 2024 Fishing opportunities regulation for the Western Mediterranean relevant aspects, I would like to inform you that the Commission has initiated already in January technical discussions with the concerned Member States to clarify the elements of the compensation mechanism and to facilitate its implementation.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L, 2024/259, 11.01.2024, <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2024/259/oj>

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Please rest assured that the Commission attributes great importance to the proper consultation of stakeholders and will present by 17 July 2024, taking into account also the targeted stakeholders' consultation of 2023, the report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the results and impact of the Western Mediterranean multiannual management plan on the stocks concerned and on the fisheries exploiting those stocks.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation, with a view to achieving benefits for the marine environment and for the fishing communities who depend on it. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia RUBECK via the functional mailbox of the Advisory Councils MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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