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**Subject: Seminar "State of Fish Stocks and the Economics of Fishing Fleets"
15 July 2016, Brussels, 9 am–1 pm**

Dear Mr Buonfiglio,

The European Commission will hold its annual seminar on the state of fish stocks and the economic performance of fishing fleets on the morning of Friday 15 July 2016 in the Borschette Conference Centre, rue Froissart, Brussels.

The seminar provides an occasion to review the latest information on the state of fish stocks and of the economic developments of the fleets in the Northeast Atlantic, the North Sea, the Baltic Sea, and in the Mediterranean. There will also be a brief look into new scientific developments.

Speakers from scientific bodies advising the Commission will make presentations, followed by exchanges of views with the Advisory Councils and the audience. Please find the agenda for the seminar attached to this invitation.

The seminar is open to representatives of Member States, MEPs, members of Advisory Councils, and to members of the public to the extent that space is available.

As in previous years, I am pleased to invite you to nominate one representative to attend the seminar and to take part in a panel discussion. He or she is invited to make an intervention at the start of the panel discussion (maximum 3 minutes). The seminar will be open to the public so additional interested parties will be able to attend, subject to limitations of space in the meeting room. Please note that the Commission cannot reimburse travel and subsistence costs for attendance at this meeting.

Registration to the seminar will be managed on a website and we will notify you as soon as that has been activated. Please do not hesitate to contact Kenneth Patterson (Email: Kenneth.Patterson@ec.europa.eu) or Carla Palanga (Email: Carla.Palanga@ec.europa.eu) if you have any further questions.

I look forward to welcoming you at the seminar.

Yours sincerely,



Ernesto PENAS LADO

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Seminar "State of Fish Stocks and the Economics of Fishing Fleets"

Place: Brussels, Belgium

Time : One half-day meeting on 15th July

Moderator: Mr. Machado

	Registration for the meeting from		8h15
1.	Welcome and introduction		9h00 (5 min.)
2.	New science initiatives in the Northeast Atlantic <i>Significant recent science findings and forthcoming work in the Northeast Atlantic area, including ecosystem overviews</i>	ICES	09h05 (15min)
3.	New science initiatives in the Mediterranean and Black Seas <i>Significant recent science findings and forthcoming work</i>	GFCM	09h20 (15 min)
4.	Long-term trends with respect to MSY in EU waters <i>A summary of the latest advice from STECF on progress towards MSY</i>	STECF	09h35 (10 min)
5.	Northeast Atlantic Stocks <i>Biological status and new developments of the main stocks of interest for EU fisheries in relation to the exploitation target agreed for the CFP.</i>	ICES	09h45 (20 min.)
6.	Mediterranean and Black Seas Stocks <i>Biological status and new developments of the main stocks of interest for EU fisheries in relation to the exploitation target agreed for the CFP.</i>	STECF	10h05 (20 min.)
7.	Break		10h25 (15 min.)
8.	Fisheries economic performance <i>The economic gains to be achieved from moving to MSY management and our progress towards that end (STECF).</i>	STECF	10h40 (25 min.)
9.	Questions and answer session on the presentations	Mr Machado (moderator)	11h05 (30 min)
10.	Panel discussion <i>Representatives from the Advisory Councils (ACs) will each make a brief statement. Catching, NGO and processing sectors to be represented. Following a discussion among the panellists and the speakers, we will open the floor for the participants to put questions to the panel.</i>	Advisory Councils	11h35 (30 min)
11.	Open discussion	Mr Machado (moderator)	12h05 (1 hour)
12.	Summing-up and concluding remarks	Mr Machado	13h05
13.	Close no later than 13h30		