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**Subject: Seminar "State of Fish Stocks in European Waters", Brussels,
26 September 2012**

We are convening a seminar on the subject in title, in the same format as last September. Please find in Annex a draft Agenda for the meeting.

The seminar will be open to the public, and I would kindly ask you to inform your members about this meeting. A wide participation by RAC members, fishermen, and those interested in fish stocks will help make the meeting successful.

In addition, I would like to invite your RAC to nominate **one** representative to make a brief statement (of five minutes) concerning the views of all sectors of your RAC, and to participate in a panel discussion at the meeting.

As is usual for these events, RAC participation should be funded from RAC resources and the Commission will not provide additional travel reimbursements.

Simultaneous translation into French, German, English, Spanish, Dutch and Portuguese will be provided.

Details of how to register participation for this event will be sent to you shortly.

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Yours sincerely,


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Enclosed: Draft Agenda

Draft AGENDA

Seminar "State of Fish Stocks in European Waters"

Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette, Rue Froissart 36, Brussels

26 September 2012

Chair: Ms. Lowri Evans, Director-General for Maritime Policy and Fisheries

		<i>Speaker</i>
9:00	1. Welcome and introduction	<i>Ms. Evans</i>
9:15	2. Overview of Northeast Atlantic Stocks <i>A scientist from ICES (the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea) will summarise the biological status of the main stocks of interest for EU fisheries. New procedures for assessing and managing stocks with incomplete data will be explained</i>	<i>TBD</i>
9:45	3. Overview of stocks in the Mediterranean and Black Seas <i>A scientific presentation will be made of new information concerning fish stocks in the Mediterranean Sea and the Black Sea</i>	<i>TBD</i>
10:15	3.1 Questions and answers	
10:30	4. Fisheries economics performance <i>A scientist from the JRC (the European Commission Joint Research Centre) will present the latest information on the economic performance of EU fisheries</i>	<i>TBD</i>
11:00	4.1 Questions and answers	
11:15	Break	
11:30	5. Panel discussion <i>Representatives from the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) and the Advisory Committee for Fisheries Management (ACFA) will each make a brief introductory statement. Catching, NGO and processing sectors to be represented. The Commission will be represented on the panel. Following a discussion among the panellists and the speakers, we will open the floor for the participants to put questions to the panel</i>	<i>TBD from RACs and ACFA</i>
13:15	5.1 Closing remarks <i>The Director-General of the Commission's Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries will sum-up the main conclusions and close the event.</i>	<i>Ms. Evans</i>
13:30	Close of meeting	