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Dear Ms Bermúdez,

Thank you for your email of 18 September 2025, sent on behalf of the Market Advisory Council, submitting recommendations on STECF's Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector. First, let me thank you for the valuable feedback you provided. Your suggestions for the next report in 2026 are much appreciated and will be given careful consideration.

Please rest assured that all your recommendations will be discussed internally within DG MARE and with the relevant STECF working groups. Each suggestion will be examined in order to assess its feasibility and potential implementation.

While we strive to further improve the report and the underlying data collection processes, some proposals may face practical, methodological or regulatory constraints. Nevertheless, we are committed to enhancing the quality, transparency and policy relevance of the aquaculture economic report, including on aspects such as data harmonisation, segment coverage and the presentation of key indicators.

In particular, your recommendations on terminology, data collection and quality, the treatment of different aquaculture segments, and the possible inclusion of additional indicators are very valuable.

We will also further reflect, together with STECF, on how to present price information, cost structures and, where feasible, selected environmental aspects, while keeping the report focused on its core socioeconomic mandate.

Your continued engagement and advice are highly valued, and we look forward to our ongoing fruitful cooperation. Should you have further questions on this reply, please

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