



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
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Dear Chairs,

I would like to thank you for having replied to my letter of 10 December 2021 to receive your respective Advisory Council's recommendation about how to best implement the advice published by ICES on 4 November 2021 on European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*)¹.

The situation of the European eel has been critical for a long time and it is a complex multi-faceted issue, which transpires through your recommendations. I appreciate the time and effort you put into preparing your recommendations. My colleagues are analysing your recommendations as well as those received from the consulted Member States regional groups and other stakeholders who approached us at their own initiative. Taking those recommendations into account, the Commission will decide how to proceed further on this file and will keep you informed.

Yours sincerely,

(e-Signed)
Charlina VITCHEVA

¹ ICES advice: <https://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2021/2021/ele.2737.nea.pdf>

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