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*To be sent via SFC2014*

**Subject: Request of information on pulse fishing projects financed by EFF and EMFF.**

Dear [redacted],

I am writing you to request some detailed information on pulse fishing projects financed by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) and the European Fisheries Fund (EFF) for the period 2007-2020.

Article 97 of the EMFF Regulation already foresees the reporting of information at operation-level by the Managing Authority to the Commission. This report however does not provide the Commission with sufficient details to face criticism of possible misuse of EU support for pulse equipment with precise facts and data.

This is why I would like to ask you, in addition of the data already provided under Article 97, to send us some information on projects related to pulse fishing financed under the EFF and the EMFF classified in the following categories:

1. Projects aimed strictly at research and knowledge on the pulse technique (Article 37, 41 and 42 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006; Article 26, 28 and 39 of Regulation (EU) 508/2014)
2. Projects aimed at testing pulse gear at sea with research vessels (Article 37, 41 and 42 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006; Article 26 and 39 of Regulation (EU) 508/2014)
3. Projects aimed at technological development of pulse gear (Article 37 and 41 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006; Article 26, 28 and 39 of Regulation (EU) 508/2014)

4. Projects aimed at testing pulse gear on fishing vessels (Article 26, 37, 41 and 42 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006; Article 26, 28 and 39 of Regulation (EU) 508/2014)
5. Projects aimed at investments on board of fishing vessels (Article 25, 26, 37 and 41 of Council Regulation (EC) No 1198/2006; Article 26, 28 and 39 of Regulation (EU) 508/2014)

Please note that one operation may fall under several of the above-mentioned categories but we would like to see the amounts of public and EU support split by category.

We already compiled the available information in the table attached to this letter and would be grateful if you could complete it with the most recent and precise information. Please include all projects which have been selected between 24 January 2008 and 19 January 2018.

Thank you for your cooperation,

Yours sincerely,

*(signed)*

Enclosure: Excel table to be completed

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