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to the Commission**

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Subject: North Western Waters Advisory Council's advice concerning the negative impact of offshore wind farms

In its Advice of 3 June 2025, the North Western Waters Advisory Council highlights the negative impact of offshore wind farms on our marine areas.

It underlines the strategic inconsistencies across the Commission's various guidelines and notes that wind farm projects could undermine the EU's objectives.

The advice also refers to the report by the European Court of Auditors, which raises concerns about the social, economic and environmental challenges for fisheries, caused in particular by fishers' reduced access to fishing areas.

Among its recommendations, the advice advocates greater involvement of fishers in decision-making processes and management bodies.

1. Does the Commission intend to take specific measures to ensure that fishers are no longer systematically penalised as a result of usage conflicts linked to uncontrolled development of offshore wind farms?
2. Will it take account of the advice of the North Western Waters Advisory Council and the report by the European Court of Auditors, which cast doubt on its energy strategy?
3. Will it give proper consideration to consultations of local stakeholders who are overwhelmingly opposed to offshore wind farms?

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