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3rd Modification

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Overview

- Proposal for a third modification to EMFF OP 2014-2020 for the purpose of facilitating the following:
 1. The implementation of a Covid 19 Aquaculture Support Scheme
 2. To re-allocate certain funds from UP5 to UP1
 3. To modify certain output indicators.

1. The implementation of a Covid 19 Aquaculture Support Scheme

- **Justification**

- EU Regulation 2020/560 amended the EMFF Regulation.
- Rope mussel and oyster aquaculture enterprises suffered an economic shock.
- Resulted in a reduction of 59% by volume for oysters and 34% for rope mussels.
- One-off payment to rope mussel and oyster farmers
- A simplified cost approach was taken.

- **Modifications**

- Section 3.1 (Programme strategy) updated to reflect the introduction of measures for Covid 19 compensation
- Section 3.3 (Relevant measures and Output indicators) 2023 output target for article 55 is changed from 15 projects to 150 to take into account the estimated increase in number of projects and related justification
- Section 4.5 (Description of the method for the calculation of compensation) is amended to include a description of the methodology for calculating the compensation premium under article 55.

2. To re-allocate certain funds from UP5 to UP1

- **Justification**

- Seafood Innovation and Business Planning Scheme under UP5 with a financial allocation of €7 million (€3.5m EU).
- Supported innovation in the seafood processing sector.
- It became clear that article 26 & 27 in UP1 was a more appropriate legal basis.
- Article 26 was introduced in May 2017, while article 27 was introduced in May 2019.
- A majority of projects supported under this Scheme have been supported under UP1.
- To accommodate these projects the EMFF MA is proposing to reallocate a portion of the Scheme budget originally allocated to UP5 to UP1.

- **Modifications**

- Section 7 (Performance Framework) & 8.2 (EMFF contribution and co-financing rate for the union priorities) Reducing the budget for UP5 measures by €3m and increasing the budget for UP1 by the same amount.

3. To modify certain output indicators.

Justification	Modification
Incorrect Legal basis for lobster V-notching projects.	Reduction in the target for Article 38(126 to 2) and increase of article 40. (50 to 300)
Sustainable Part B Scheme projects reporting.	Reduction in the target for Article 32(100 to 25) and increase of article 40. (50 to 300)
Seafood Innovation Scheme and seafood processors.	Increase in the target for Article 26 from 10 to 80
Late implementation of Seafood Training Scheme	Reduction in the target for Article 29(1) & (2) (205 to 100)
Low uptake of Innovation projects under Knowledge Gateway Scheme.	Reduction in the target for Article 47 (150 to 75)
High uptake of grants for marketing projects	Increase in the target for Article 68 (30 to 70)
Higher than expected implementation of UP 6 projects carried out by MI under Marine Biodiversity and Marine Spatial Planning Scheme	Increase in the targets for Article 80.1(b) (4 to 10) and Article 80.1(c) (1 to 30)

Thank You