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Dear Dr Puškarić

Many thanks for your time last week. I am writing to confirm that REV Ocean will be supporting scientific projects on its research expedition vessel from 2022 in the following areas of science: plastic pollution, climate change impacts including temperature rise, acidification and ocean hypoxia and the effects of overfishing and harmful fishing practices. The aim with these projects is to gather data and create understanding that lead to solutions to ocean degradation in these areas. Gaining a better understanding of the carbon cycle in the euphotic and mesopelagic zones are a priority for two of these research areas, climate change and fisheries.

The technologies you are developing along with your research on biological processes within the lower food web are both of interest to us in the context of euphotic and mesopelagic ecology. I would further point out that since marine snow may play a significant role in the transport of microplastics into the deep ocean, the project may have potential in the plastic pollution topic as well.

It is our intention that support for scientific projects will be in the form of the provision of the research vessel for free. Support will be accessed through three routes, large proposals comprising teams of 10 or more researchers, small proposals for teams of 1-9 individuals and then Open Call which provides an additional route supporting researchers who need commitment of seetime prior to putting in proposals to research councils or other bodies. Large proposals will take the form of a preproposal assessed by the REV Ocean Science and Innovation Committee with approved full proposals going to the Norwegian Research Council for peer review. Small proposals and Open Call will be assessed by the Science and Innovation Committee. You are welcome to place an application for support through one of these routes. We hope the first calls for proposals will be out early in 2020 for cruises in 2022 and 2023.

I hope this is helpful in your endeavor to obtain funding for your work which I found very interesting in the context of the upper ocean carbon pump.

Yours Sincerely



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