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Subject: BSAC recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic Sea in 2018

Dear João Aguiar Machado,

Please find enclosed the BSAC's recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic 2018, which have just been finalised. ./.

The ICES advice 2017 was presented at the BSAC Working Group on 7th-8th June 2017, after which a draft text of recommendations was produced and discussed at the BSAC Executive Committee at its meeting in Copenhagen on 29th June 2017. After the ExCom meeting, the work was finalised and then approved by the Executive Committee in a written procedure – finalised today.

We hope that the Commission and Member States will take this input into account in their discussions and negotiations on the Baltic TACs and quotas for 2018. As always, we are ready to discuss further any of the details in the paper. We are also looking forward to presenting the BSAC positions at the BALTFISH Forum meeting in Copenhagen on 31st August 2017.

Kind regards,



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Chairman of the BSAC

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