

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Baltic Sea Advisory Council Ecosystem-based Management Sub Group**

#### **Background**

Marine and maritime policies incorporate the ecosystem approach in order to manage human impacts on marine ecosystems. These policies recognise the need to implement measures that take into account ecological, economic and social considerations and how these are interlinked and impact on fisheries management.

#### **Overall Role/Purpose**

To focus attention on several interconnected topics that are linked to fisheries management and highly relevant for the BSAC to comment on as part of implementing the CFP as well as the MSFD and the Habitats and Birds Directives. The Group will report to the BSAC Demersal/Pelagic Working Group.

#### **Activities**

- Review best practices and lessons learned regarding fisheries measures in MPAs.
- Discuss and formulate a general position on the need for MPAs in the Baltic.
- Analyse and prepare responses to proposals from Member States for fisheries management measures in protected areas.
- Monitor developments with the MSFD and related legislation.
- Other ecological matters of relevance to fisheries

#### **Group Membership**

- Chairman
- Rapporteur
- BSAC members

## **Meetings**

- The Group will appoint its own Chair
- The Group will meet as a minimum twice during the year
- The Group will adhere to BSAC working group procedures

## **Outcome**

- Draft recommendations/advice as required
- Relevant draft responses to requests from Member States