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Consultation with Baltic Sea Advisory Council regarding a draft joint recommendation

Dear Sara Colliander,

Thank you very much for your letter of 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018 inviting the BSAC to read and comment on the draft Joint Recommendation for modifying T90 and BACOMA codends in the Baltic cod trawl fisheries.

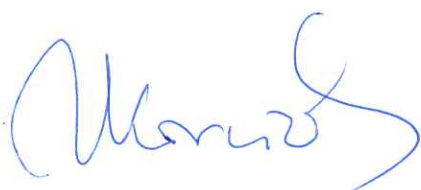
The BSAC Executive Committee has been consulted and invited to comment. As no objections to the proposal have been received, we are writing to you to confirm our support for this proposal.

We have appreciated the transparent in the way in which the proposal has been dealt with. It was presented and discussed at the BALTFISH Forum meeting in Copenhagen on 29<sup>th</sup> June 2018. A further opportunity for input was given at the BALTFISH Forum meeting in Stockholm on 5 September 2018. The BSAC attended both these meetings and we were able to discuss and comment there.

The development of this modification of the T90 and BACOMA has been a long-term process. It was referred to at the BSAC Executive Committee Workshop: "Selectivity in the demersal fishery: technical solutions to current problems?" held on November 7<sup>th</sup> 2017 in Gdynia.

At the Workshop in November it was also discussed that technical specifications in all regulations regarding the construction of cod trawls should be deleted, except for the rules on mesh size. That would make it possible to use the best knowledge of fishers so as to avoid unwanted catches and ensure the effective implementation of the landing obligation.

Kind regards,



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