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Consultation with Baltic Sea Advisory Council regarding a draft joint recommendation

Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, CFP, includes provisions that certain technical measures can be included in a multiannual plan, cf. Article 7 and Article 10. Regulation (EU) No 2016/1139 of 6 July 2016 establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks, cf. Article 8, Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 cf. Article 18 contain a legal basis for the Commission to adopt certain technical measures by means of Commission delegated Regulations.

Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 states that where the Commission has been granted powers to adopt measures by means of delegated acts in respect of a Union conservation measure applying to a relevant geographical area, Member States having a direct management interest affected by those measures may agree to submit joint recommendations for achieving the objectives of the relevant Union conservation measures, the multiannual plans or the specific discard plans. Member States having a direct management interest affected by the measures shall cooperate with one another in formulating joint recommendations. BALTFISH is since the reform of the CFP used as a forum for Member States having a direct management interest in measures affecting the Baltic Sea.

According to article 18 (2) and article 44 (3) in regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 the relevant Advisory Council shall be consulted. The Baltic Sea Advisory Council, BSAC, is the relevant Advisory Council to consult regarding measures for the Baltic Sea.

The Danish BALTFISH Presidency sent a draft Joint Recommendation, including a scientific justification for modifying T90 and BACOMA codends in the Baltic Cod Trawl Fisheries, to the BSAC and to the BALTFISH Forum for consultation (in line with article 18 (2) and article 44 (3) of regulation (EU) no 1380/2013). The distribution of the draft Joint Recommendation and enclosed scientific justification was also presented and discussed at the BALTFISH Forum meeting in Copenhagen

on 29 June 2018. A further opportunity for input was given at the BALTFISH Forum meeting in Stockholm on 5 September 2018. At this meeting the Forum was informed that the deadline for comments on the draft Joint recommendation was set for 30 September 2018 and that that this date would be the end of the consultation period.

With this letter the Swedish BALTFISH Presidency would like to notify the BSAC in writing of the above-mentioned deadline and inform the BSAC of its intention to end the consultation with the BSAC by 30th of September 2018. BSAC is hereby also informed that BALTFISH intends to finalise a Joint recommendation which will be submitted to the Commission shortly thereafter.

Best regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sara Colliander', written in a cursive style.

Sara Colliander

Fisheries Director, Swedish BALTFISH Presidency