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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.

A draft Joint Recommendation and supporting documents regarding plaice was submitted by Denmark to HLG in April 2019. On 4th of June 2019 BALTFISH HLG agreed to send the draft Joint Recommendation and annexes to the BSAC for consultation (in line with article 18 (2) and article 44 (3) of regulation (EU) no 1380/2013).

With this letter, and enclosed draft Joint Recommendation and annexes, BALTFISH would like to consult the BSAC and notify the BSAC that the deadline for comments on the draft Joint recommendation is set for the **21th June 2019** and that this date would be the end of the consultation period.

Best regards

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