

## **EUROPEAN COMMISSION**

DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

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Subject: BSAC's statement on eel

Dear Mr Sverdrup-Jensen,

Thank you for your letter and the BSAC statement on eel from 9 December 2021.

The latest ICES advice on eel of 4 November 2021 has raised great interest among various stakeholders, many of which have contacted DG MARE. As you know, the Commission decided to launch a wide-ranging stakeholder consultation. I take it that in the meantime you received my letter of 10 December 2021 (ref. Ares(2021)7633619) addressed to all relevant Advisory Councils, amongst which BSAC, asking for their written recommendations by 4 April 2022 on how to best implement this ICES advice. A similar letter was sent to the relevant Member States regional groups, amongst which BaltFish.

We very much look forward to receiving BSAC's recommendations on this important matter. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Pascale COLSON, coordinator of the Advisory Councils (Pascale.COLSON@ec.europa.eu; +32.2.295.62.73), who will forward them to the relevant colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

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