



The Baltic Sea Advisory Council
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Consultation of the Baltic Sea Advisory Council regarding a BALTFISH draft joint recommendation on salmon

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 BALTFISH Joint Recommendation and supporting documents regarding salmon was submitted by Sweden to HLG in March 2020. On 6th of April 2020 BALTFISH HLG agreed by written procedure to send the draft Joint Recommendation with annex 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 BALTFISH Joint Recommendation and annex, BALTFISH would like to consult the BSAC and notify the BSAC that the deadline for comments on the draft BALTFISH Joint recommendation is set for **4th of May 2020** and that this date would be the end of the consultation period.

On behalf of the BALTFISH high-level group,

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