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Subject: BSAC recommendation for technical measures in the demersal fishery

Dear Anders Mikkelsen,

I am writing to you as chair of the BALTFISH presidency. Please find attached to this letter BSAC recommendations concerning technical measures for the demersal fishery. ./.

A draft was presented by the demersal WG chair to the Executive Committee at its meeting on 29th June 2017. It was then approved by the Executive Committee in a written procedure after the meeting.

The recommendations encourage the Commission and BALTFISH to give fishermen increased flexibility with respect to fishing gear in the demersal fisheries. The recommendations date back to 2015 when the BSAC proposed amendments to the existing technical measures regulation for the Baltic.¹ Despite the unanimous support from all members of the Executive Committee of the Advisory Council, they have been completely ignored, so the recommendations are conveyed to you and your BALTFISH colleagues as a reminder of and call for action on a very important issue.

Kind regards,



Reine J. Johansson
Chairman of the BSAC

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¹ <http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/2015-01-01-BSAC-recommendations-on-technical-measures>