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Subject: BSAC recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic Sea in 2017

Dear João Aguiar Machado,

Please find attached the BSAC's recommendations on technical measures. ./.

The introductory section highlights the fact that this has been the subject of work within the BSAC during meetings in 2015 and 2016. The work has focused on the current technical measures regulation for the Baltic [Reg 2187/2005], as well as the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on technical measures. Work on Articles 25 to 31 is not yet finalised.

Even before the Commission's proposal for a Regulation on technical measures was tabled, the BSAC discussed the current technical measures and proposed amendments to enable the fishery to meet the demands of the landing obligation and stay in line with the CFP objectives.

We are ready to discuss further any of the details in the paper. This letter is also forwarded to Baltic Member States, the European Parliament's Fisheries Committee, as well as your colleagues dealing with fisheries management in the Baltic Sea, the Fisheries Council of the European Community, the European Fisheries Control Agency, ICES and HELCOM.

A document containing opinions from the Fisheries Secretariat is also attached. ./.

Kind regards,



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