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

Dear João Aguiar Machado,

Further to my letter to you of 13th July 2016, I am writing to clarify that in its advice for sprat in SDs 22-32, the BSAC maintains its recommendation to follow the ICES advice of a Baltic TAC of 314.000 tonnes.

The figure of 261.000 tonnes in the BSAC recommendation was based on an extrapolation of the ICES calculation for 2016. We would like to point out that the allocation for sprat between the EU and Russia is 10.08. Our final clarification is that this would imply an EU TAC of 282.349 tonnes.

This has been rectified in the attached recommendation and the table. ./.

Kind regards,



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Chairman of the BSAC

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