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And to BALTFISH Member States and DG Mare BSAC 2020-2021/19

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Dear Herki,

Further to last week's BALTFISH Forum meeting on 7th September 202, please find enclosed a compilation of the BSAC recommendations for Baltic fisheries 2021. ./. This document was a tool used by the ExCom chair during his interventions at the BALTFISH meeting. The ExCom chair has asked me to send this to BALTFISH.

Also at the BALTFISH meeting, the BSAC chair referred to the catch composition issue and specifics relating to mesh size for fishing sprat and herring. As chair of the meeting, you invited the BSAC to send a problem description and possible solutions to BALTFISH. Please find attached a contribution from the BSAC member, Sweden Pelagic Federation PO; it is not sent as a BSAC solution. ./.

Finally, I refer to the letter sent to you yesterday [BSAC 2020-2021/18] from the chair concerning spawning closures for cod, and attaching replies to four key questions. I would like to clarify that they are not agreed or consolidated recommendations from the BSAC. The ExCom agreed for members from fisheries, recreational, sports fishermen and anglers to answer the questions by email, and for the secretariat to forward the compilation to BALTFISH.

Kind regards,

Sally Clink / BSAC Secretariat