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BSAC recommendations for the fishery in 2016

Dear Lowri Evans,

We are pleased to send you BSAC's recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic 2016, which are now finalised.

A draft text of recommendations was discussed in detail by the BSAC Executive Committee at its meeting in Copenhagen on 2nd July 2015. With the agreement of the meeting, it was then finalised and approved by written procedure.

We hope that the Commission and Member States will take our input into account when the discussions and negotiations on the Baltic TACs and quotas for 2016 begin in earnest later in the year. We are ready to discuss further any of the details in the paper.

We take this opportunity to thank you for the good cooperation that we have had with you over the years and we wish you good luck in the new challenges ahead of you at DG Grow.

At the same time, we wish every success to your successor at DG Mare, João Aguiar Machado, and hope you will put this letter on the file for him.

We would like to congratulate him on his appointment as Director General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries. We look forward to meeting him and working with him.

There are many challenges to deal with, two of which come directly from the Baltic: the particularly thorny issue of the multi annual plan for the Baltic and the more immediate challenge of the TACs and quotas for the Baltic stocks.

We look forward to working constructively with him on these important issues.

Kind regards,



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Chairman of the BSAC



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c.c. The incoming Director General João Aguiar Machado wef 1st September 2015
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European Parliament, European Fisheries Control Agency, ICES and HELCOM