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By e mail

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**Subject: BSAC recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic Sea in 2020**

Dear João Aguiar Machado,

Please find enclosed the BSAC's recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic 2020, which have just been finalised. ./.

The ICES advice 2019 was released on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2019. It was presented by ACOM vice chair Colm Lordan at the BSAC Working Group on 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June 2019, after which a draft text of recommendations was produced and sent through a written procedure to the working group members and the BSAC Executive Committee. The Executive Committee were notified of the finalised version of the recommendations today.

As with every year, the timing for dealing with the advice and for formulating BSAC positions is extremely tight. We very much regret this. Issues surrounding the Baltic ecosystem are becoming more complex and require full discussion and reflection.

We would like to find an opportunity discuss this further with you.

As always, the BSAC is ready to discuss and clarify in more detail the contents of the recommendations.

Kind regards,



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