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To the BALTFISH Presidency
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And to the fisheries directors of all the Baltic Member States

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Dear Director General Aguiar Machado, dear Sara, and dear member State colleagues,

The BSAC held its Executive Committee meeting on 29th January 2019. The morning session of the meeting dealt with the BSAC administration and internal matters. The afternoon session was arranged as a special theme meeting with specific focus on the eastern Baltic cod. The report was approved and finalised last week and it has been put on the BSAC website.[1]

At the theme meeting on eastern Baltic cod, scientists and experts were invited by the BSAC to present information on the state of the eastern Baltic cod stock, as well as the results of recent surveys, also giving supplementary information on predators and on the ecosystem. Some very interesting presentations were made, and these have been uploaded onto the BSAC website.

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[1] http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee-meeting-(4)

The questions and discussions were wide ranging and reflected the importance attached to the issues surrounding the eastern Baltic cod. The meeting culminated in a few conclusions and recommendations which the BSAC would send to the European Commission and BALTFISH and to guide the BSAC input into the upcoming ICES work. We attach to this letter the extract from the meeting report that dealt with the eastern Baltic cod. We draw your attention to the conclusions and recommendations on the final page.

Kind regards,

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