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Dear Director-General,

On 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 you wrote to me as chair of the Baltic Sea Advisory Council to draw attention to the state of European eel and to ask the BSAC to provide input on measures to improve the state of European eel, and to give an assessment on how such measures could affect the fishermen engaged in the eel fishery.

Your request coincided with the holiday period, but the BSAC Executive Committee has been consulted.

Please find attached the response from the BSAC Executive Committee. It was finalized by written procedure today, 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017.

Kind regards,



Reine J. Johansson  
Chairman of the BSAC

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