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Dear Ms Vitcheva,

Subject: Stakeholder participation in future fisheries management and governance structures, post-Brexit

Several Advisory Councils have written to you about this, following on from the Inter-AC meeting on Brexit on 22nd February 2021.

The BSAC would also like to underline the importance that stakeholder participation has had in the shaping and delivery of the CFP since the decision in 2002 to create the Advisory Councils. The input and views from stakeholders representing fisheries interests and other interest groups are essential: they are affected by the CFP.

With respect to post-Brexit, we support the vital importance of stakeholder participation in future management and governance structures to be established for partnership working with the UK.

Seen from the Baltic, the post-Brexit situation does not have a direct impact. Nevertheless, the BSAC would like to underline the potential of secondary impacts, both in terms of policy and fishery. The impact on policy is in terms of the extra resources being used by the Commission to deal with and manage post-Brexit. The fisheries impact may be in terms of increase in fishing pressure from North Sea vessels seeking compensation for lost fishing opportunities, but also for Baltic vessels trying to compensate for the dire situation in the Baltic by seeking new opportunities in the North Sea.

Together with the other Advisory Councils we are committed to stakeholder engagement, and we look forward to the next Inter-AC meeting on Wednesday 5th May 2021.

Kind regards,



Esben Sverdrup-Jensen, Chair BSAC Executive Committee
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