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Dear Ms Vitcheva,

Subject: **BSAC Recommendation to encourage a trial fishery in the Baltic for stickleback**

Please find attached a recommendation from the BSAC to encourage a trial fishery for stickleback in the Baltic. ./.

The recommendation was approved by the BSAC Executive Committee at its meeting on Friday 29th January 2021. It gives the background, and then goes into the details of the BSAC recommendation, which includes clear guidelines for a trial fishery for stickleback in the Baltic. I would like to add that at the recent annual meeting of the Advisory Councils with ICES (MIAC) on 14th January 2021, I raised this issue, and ICES informed that they propose to run a workshop, possibly in 2021, to bring all relevant information together.

We look forward to discussing and clarifying with you any details and contents of this recommendation. Member States are also in copy, and I am pleased to point out that we have included data from some of them.

Kind regards,



Esben Sverdrup-Jensen
Chair BSAC Executive Committee

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