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Dear Ms Vitcheva,

Copenhagen Wednesday 1st July 2021

Subject: **BSAC recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic for 2022**

On behalf of the BSAC, please find attached the BSAC recommendations for 2022. ./.
They cover all relevant stocks except western Baltic cod and salmon: the BSAC will deal with these at its next meeting on 22nd September 2021.

The table at the start makes clear the BSAC recommendations and the minority positions. Positions are gone into more detail in the document; under each stock we explain the recommendations of the BSAC and of dissenting opinions. Once again, I hope that the proposed template for presentation of recommendations and suggestions will not have a limiting effect on the way we present the different views and opinions of the members.

One key issue for the BSAC is the urgent need to implement technical solutions to reduce bycatch. The BSAC makes a clear call to approve, adopt and implement as soon as possible new gears that have been tested and meet the required selectivity.

This important issue of selectivity in the Baltic fisheries was also discussed at length at the Joint Working Group on 8th and 9th June 2021.¹ We strongly encourage the Commission to explore current procedures and see how they can be speeded up towards the adoption of new technical solutions.

As always, we appreciate the participation at our meetings of your colleagues and the dialogue and explanations. We look forward to receiving your reply and explanations to our recommendations.

Kind regards,



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Chair BSAC Executive Committee

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¹ [http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Joint-Working-Group-\(3\)/WG89062021REPORTFINAL.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB](http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Joint-Working-Group-(3)/WG89062021REPORTFINAL.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB)