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Dear Sarah, dear Monika,

The BSAC held its working group on ecosystem based management on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018, chaired by Nils Höglund. I attach a copy of the report from the working group. ./.

At the meeting, the BSAC dealt two specific issues concerning seals.

The first was a planned HELCOM/BALTFISH workshop on seals and proposed topics and questions for such a workshop. Please find attached to this letter a document containing BSAC proposed topics for the joint HELCOM/BALTFISH workshop on seals. ./.. As the document explains, the proposed topics were drafted by the working group, then commented on, finalised and approved by the BSAC Executive Committee. The BSAC recommends this to you and hopes you will take these proposals into account when planning the workshop. We understand that the date for this workshop has not yet been decided and we look forward to hearing more from you and to contributing to the preparations and carrying out of the workshop.

The second concerns a BSAC Statement on illegal killing of seals. A draft was presented to the working group by the chair of the meeting. After further development by the working group, it was finalised and approved by the Executive Committee. The BSAC asks you to kindly share this statement with relevant departments and agencies and to send it to the relevant working groups in HELCOM.

This letter is sent to you with the approval of the BSAC acting chair.

Kind regards,



Sally Clink  
BSAC Secretariat

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