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**Subject: BSAC statement on eel**

Dear Ms Vitcheva,

I am very pleased to send you a statement from the BSAC concerning eel. I am satisfied that this is a very thorough advice on eel. It states early on the differences, and then clearly focuses on those areas where we agree: the major factors that hamper eel recovery and which need urgent attention.

Important issues refer to the Member States and to EFCA, so the letter and statement are also copied to them.

The Secretariat has received a lot of input from members when preparing this statement, reflecting the importance of eel to the Baltic. This will be made available to members. It will also be retained for future BSAC work in relation to the wide-ranging stakeholder consultation on eel, which the Commission is considering holding in 2022.

Kind regards,



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BSAC Executive Committee Chair

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