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## BS RAC recommendations on TACs for the Baltic Sea fish stocks in 2008.

Please find enclosed the BS RAC recommendations on the TACs for the Baltic Sea fish stocks in 2008.

The BS RAC would like the Commission and Member States to take into consideration the BS RAC position when preparing and finally deciding on the TACs and quotas for the Baltic stocks in 2008.

We will draw the attention of the Member States to the part of the recommendation regarding national measures to protect the wild salmon stocks in the Baltic.

The BS RAC will also take the opportunity to express its interest in being involved in the process of the evaluation of BACOMA trawl and the 90 degrees turned meshed trawl. At the Executive Committee meeting the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2007, the RAC was informed that the Commission will produce a report on the selectivity in BACOMA trawl and the 90 degrees turned meshed trawl.

In accordance with article 4 of the BS RAC statutes, a copy of this letter has been sent to the Fisheries Council of the European Community, the European Parliament, The Commission's Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (ACFA), The International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES) and The Helsinki Commission (HELCOM).

Yours sincerely,

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