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The European Parliament  
The Commission's Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (ACFA)  
The International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES)  
The Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)

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**Subject: BS RAC recommendation on a salmon management plan for the Baltic Sea**

I am pleased to send you the BSRAC recommendation on a salmon management plan for the Baltic Sea.

On 13<sup>th</sup> February 2009, the European Commission presented its consultation paper to support the development of a Baltic salmon management plan (MARE D (2009) 1460 (Annex)) and began a public consultation.

BS RAC working group on fisheries for salmon and sea trout met on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009 and 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009 to produce a draft recommendation from the BSRAC. The draft recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2009. There is almost consensus in the BS RAC on this recommendation. Only the Fisheries Secretariat was unable to support it at the Executive Committee and abstained.

In 2007 the BSRAC gave its first opinion on the contents of the future management plan (1<sup>st</sup> March 2007), and this still forms the basis for BS RAC views on the future salmon management plan. This is also attached.

The BS RAC would like the Commission and Member States to take into consideration the BS RAC position when developing and deciding on a management plan for the Baltic salmon. We are fully prepared to be further involved in the process of preparing the management plan.

In accordance with article 4 of the BS RAC statutes, a copy of this letter shall be sent to the European commission, member states, 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).

Kind regards,



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