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Mr. Fokion Fotiadis
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Subject: Multi-annual management plan for the pelagic species in the Baltic Sea

Dear Mr. Fotiatis,

The BS RAC welcomes the Commission's plan to develop a multi-annual plan for the management of pelagic fish stocks in the Baltic Sea. We would like to express our interest in being actively involved in the preparation of this plan.

In the autumn 2007, the BS RAC initiated a discussion on objectives and characteristics of the future management plan and we would like to take this opportunity to present our initial position on a number of issues. Please see the enclosed document.

We would ask you to take our position into consideration when drafting the management plan for the pelagic species.

We look forward very much to receiving your reaction to the enclosed recommendations.

Kind regards,

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Chairman of the BS RAC

c.c. Member States around the Baltic Sea, 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).