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**Recommendations from the Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (BSRAC) on the Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a multi-annual plan for the Baltic salmon stock and the fisheries exploiting that stock**

Dear Lowri Evans,

Please find enclosed the BS RAC recommendations on a multi-annual plan for salmon stocks in the Baltic. This is the product of a long engagement by the BSRAC Salmon and sea trout working group since the BSRAC became operational in 2006. Two sets of recommendations were produced in 2007 and 2009, and these are referred to in the latest set of recommendations. So we attach them as an integral part of the BSRAC opinion on Baltic salmon management.

In the 2007 recommendations, reference is made to safeguarding and developing salmon stocks by identifying groups of salmon rivers. Classification refers in part to the so-called IBSFC Salmon Action Plan Draft Guö Declaration, which was adopted at the last (9<sup>th</sup>) meeting of the IBSFC Salmon Action Plan Surveillance Group in Karlshamn/Guö, Sweden, 27<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June 2005. It included conclusions for future work and an extended and revised Salmon Action Plan. We attach a copy of the Declaration for information.

The BS RAC hopes very much that the Commission and Member States will take its recommendations into account in connection with the current work and negotiations on the proposal.

Kind regards,



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