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### **Marine Ingredients Denmark (MID) recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic Sea in 2021:**

MID supports in general the BSAC recommendations for EU TACs 2021. However, for two pelagic stocks we have the following recommendations and comments.

#### **Herring SDs 25-29, 32, ex GoR:**

MID recommends a TAC of 122.707 tonnes for central herring, a decrease of 20% as a step in the direction of msy.

MID fully agrees to and supports the comment from DFPO:

*“For the pelagic stocks, DFPO suggests to consider the fact that ICES has demonstrated a remarkably bad historical performance in estimating the stocks of pelagic species and that many revisions have been made over the years. Not only on stock size, but also on parameters that are important in setting the TAC. It is of course assumed that the latest advice is correct, but nevertheless, that very advice documents, that previous management decisions were made on assumptions that do not hold true in this year’s assessment. The obvious conclusion is therefore to use the scientific advice in a cautious manner, showing directions rather than enabling management to hit targets.”*

#### **Sprat SDs 22-32:**

MID recommends a TAC in line with the upper limit in ICES advice, 316.833 tonnes minus Russian share of 10.08%.

MID fully agrees to and supports the comment from DFPO:

*“Sprat is also known to have a potential for preying heavily on cod eggs. It is therefore completely unfathomable for the fishing industry, that some people argue for a closure of sprat fishing in cod spawning areas. The sprat stock is several times higher than it was in the years where cod was abundant in the Eastern area. A closure for sprat fishing in cod areas with the objective to feed the cod may well have the counterproductive effect, that sprat prevents recruitment to the cod stock.”*

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With a focus on sustainability and high quality, the Danish industry is the leading producer in Europe and number 7 globally.

Our sector contributes significantly to economic growth and employment in coastal regions.

We are members of European Fishmeal and The International Fishmeal and Fish Oil Organization (IFFO) and are committed to following IFFO’s international standards for responsible behaviour as well as the IFFO code of conduct.

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