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Dear Jarek, Teija and Lise

Thank you for BSAC's letter dated 25 March, in which you convey your concerns on several aspects regarding the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2019/1241 (the Technical Measures Regulation, TMR).

I can assure you that we share these concerns, as we attach great importance to the correct implementation of this legal text, which is one of the tools of our Common Fisheries Policy to contribute to the protection of juveniles and minimise the impact of the fishing activity on the ecosystem.

We are very aware that there are still some measures that have not been included in the legislation, be it in delegated acts on the basis of joint recommendations submitted by Member States' regional groups or in a Commission implementing act on the basis of Articles 8 and 24 of the TMR. Work on both strands of implementation is ongoing and the Commission indeed submitted a set of measures to be considered for inclusion into an implementing act to Member State national authorities for their input.

We value the contribution from all the ACs and welcome that continued input regarding the reintroduction of the technical rules that are now missing, and I can assure you that the ACs will be consulted on the draft act in due time once the comments and input from Member States have been analysed.

In this same manner we count on Member States regional groups to consult the ACs on their work on joint recommendations. Indeed, regionalisation offers the main and most effective means to introduce the measures called for and where relevant provide for amendments to or derogations from the measures laid down in the TMR so as to adapt them to their regional specificities. The Commission welcomes the work of the regional groups to this end and I am very pleased to see the strong involvement of the Baltic Sea AC in the production of joint recommendations that will soon conclude with the adoption of a Delegated Act inserting in the legislation more selective gears.

Finally, let me thank you for the technical note produced by the BSAC secretariat, collecting the comments and questions raised in the past. These are very useful for our work on the implementing act and are indeed of relevance. I note that some of these questions have been replied by MARE representatives attending the meetings, as proof of the engagement and importance that the Commission attaches to the fruitful discussions

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in the framework of the AC. As couldn't be otherwise, this close cooperation will continue in the future.

Let me finish my letter by thanking you once more for the work done by this Advisory Council, which not only helps my colleagues to progress on the many issues that we share to pursue our common goal, but also are a good example of how the governance system under the CFP can positively contribute to the effective implementation and delivery on its objectives.

In the confidence that this engagement will continue in the future, please do not hesitate to send any additional query to Pascale Colson (add contact details?)

Yours faithfully,

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