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Dear Mrs Clink,

Thank you for submitting the Baltic Sea Advisory Council's letter with supporting documents regarding the Public Consultation on the evaluation of the Eel Regulation – Regulation 1100/2007¹ (our ref. Ares(2019)1445723) and for encouraging the BSAC Members to provide individual online responses to our questionnaire.

We take note of the information provided in your letter and in particular your proposals on possible ways forward to improve the situation of European eel and the measures to promote the recovery of eel. Your feedback will provide valuable input for our ongoing evaluation of the Eel Regulation and its contribution to the recovery of stock of the European eel that is severely depleted.

As you are aware, the results of the evaluation and ICES technical assessments of Member States progress reports under the Eel regulation, should generate some conclusions on next steps with regards to the Eel Regulation. In this context, your proposals to improve the situation of eel stock will guide our assessment and future decisions whether the efforts made so far are sufficient or additional action would be required. I therefore appreciate your contributions and future work activities in this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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¹ https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2018-1986447/public-consultation_en