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Dear João Aguiar Machado,

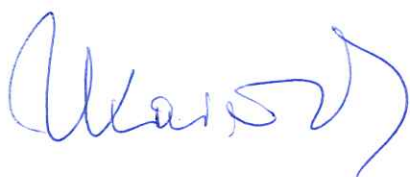
**Re: BSAC replies to the Commission's letter and questions on measures to take in 2018 in order to promote the recovery of eel**

Thank you very much for your letter of 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to the BSAC and to the BALTFISH Presidency with your consultation on the measures to take in 2018 in order to promote the recovery of eels.

The questions put in your letter have been addressed in detail by the BSAC at its working group on ecosystem based management on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2018. The draft replies produced from the meeting were sent to the BSAC Executive Committee and adopted by written procedure. We are pleased to attach them to this letter. Given the factors affecting eel, the replies are not limited to the scope of the regulation fixing fishing opportunities in the Baltic, but extend to other regulations related to the CFP as well as a broader context.

We hope very much that our input will serve as a strong basis for further discussion and consideration before the Commission begins drafting new proposals. We also refer to our letter of 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (attached ) regarding the road map for eel evaluation.

Kind regards,



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BSAC Acting chair



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