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Dear João Aguiar Machado,

### **Reply from the BSAC to the Commission consultation on the evaluation of the eel regulation**

Last December, the Commission launched a consultation to evaluate the Eel management regulation 1100/2007 of 18<sup>th</sup> September 2007.<sup>1</sup> The BSAC has already highlighted that this is a very important initiative.

The evaluation looks in particular at the content and implementation of the eel management plans and at Member State reporting under the Eel Regulation. As this public consultation is being carried out in an online format, addressed to individual respondents, it is not possible to provide a joint BSAC response in such a format.

This important consultation was brought up at the recent meeting of the BSAC ExCom on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019.<sup>2</sup> It was decided that given the nature of the electronic process for responding, the BSAC members should be encouraged to reply to the Commission consultation on eels individually. The ExCom also decided that the BSAC should send as its contribution to the on-line questionnaire the BSAC proposals that were finalised in 2017 on possible ways forward to improve the situation of European eel<sup>3</sup>,

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<sup>1</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2018-1986447/public-consultation\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2018-1986447/public-consultation_en)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee-meeting-\(4\)/BSACExComThememeeting29012019REPORTandSTATEMENTFINALOK.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB](http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee-meeting-(4)/BSACExComThememeeting29012019REPORTandSTATEMENTFINALOK.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB)

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/BSAC-proposals-for-possible-ways-forward-to-improv>

as well as BSAC replies to the Commission's letter and questions from 2018 on measures to take in order to promote the recovery of eel <sup>4</sup>. Both of these are referred to by footnotes to this letter.

The BSAC is always at the disposal of the Commission for further input and discussion.

The BSAC has included in its work programme for 2019-2020 the statement that activities devoted to eel will depend on the outcome of this consultation.

Kind regards,



BSAC Secretariat

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/BSAC-replies-recovery-of-eel>

