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**Subject: Baltic Sea Advisory Council recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic Sea for year 2025**

Dear Ms Vitcheva,

On behalf of the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC), please find attached the BSAC recommendations for the fishing opportunities in year 2025. The table, in the document, presents a summary of the BSAC recommendations and the minority positions. Following general comments, we clarify under each stock the recommendations of the BSAC as well as the dissenting opinions.

This year, as you will see in the recommendation, the discussions of BSAC members were focused on the changes in the ecosystem, on improving the scientific advices, and on selectivity in mixed fisheries.

The BSAC welcomes the upcoming evaluation of the CFP which may lead to its possible revision. The BSAC stands ready to draw on its expertise in order to deliver advice and input to the CFP evaluation later in 2024. The BSAC has at several occasions recommended a revision of the CFP to grant fishers greater flexibility in organising fishing activities, including gear selection, to ensure the best environmental and economic outcomes<sup>1</sup>.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Kind regards,



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BSAC Executive Committee Chair

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<sup>1</sup> See BSAC white paper: <https://www.bsac.dk/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/White-paper-02-05-2022forprintandweb.pdf>