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Subject: Following-up on the Multi-AC workshop on Control Regulation, 5th February 2025

Dear Jérôme Broche,

On behalf of the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC), we wish to thank DG Mare for organising a workshop on the revised Control Regulation (CR). It was an excellent and highly valuable opportunity for the Baltic Advisory Council to consult with DG MARE on this new legislative act.

As the Commission is aware, these provisions of the revised regulation give many stakeholders serious cause for concern regarding their implementation.

In this regard, we would also like to highlight that this legislation will play a pivotal role in shaping fisheries control for many years to come. Given its long-term impact, it is essential that its implementation is carefully considered and based on a robust and well-prepared process. Taking the necessary time for thorough stakeholder consultations and addressing practical challenges will help ensure that the regulation is not only effective but also workable and sustainable in the long run.

We fully recognise that stakeholder engagement in this context is primarily the responsibility of the Member States. However, for this engagement to be meaningful and effective, it is essential that Member States are given sufficient time to conduct thorough consultations with stakeholders. Allowing adequate time for Member States to engage with stakeholders will ultimately contribute to a better regulatory framework.

The BSAC would like to draw the attention that the goal of reducing administrative burden and making the provisions simple and implementable can be achieved through close dialogue with stakeholders. The BSAC members can provide technical expertise in fisheries control as they have firsthand experience and ground-level insights. We strongly believe that they should have the opportunity to participate more extensively in the discussions on the implementation of the Control

Regulation and the related Implementing Acts for the provisions planned for implementation in 2026 and 2027. To this end, the BSAC is also addressing the BALTFISH Presidency to include the BSAC in the discussions on the implementation of the revised regulation.

Kind regards,



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