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Subject: Invitation to the incoming BALTFISH Presidency Latvia to meet with the BSAC Management Team

Dear Santa Jansone and Normunds Riekstins,

On 1st July 2021 Latvia takes over at the helm as BALTFISH Presidency. This is not your first BALTFISH Presidency, but new and unexpected challenges seem to be confronting the Baltic and its ecosystem. On behalf of the BSAC, I wish you every success.

The BSAC carried out an external evaluation last year,¹ and some useful conclusions and recommendations emerged. In terms of regionalisation and our work in the Baltic, it was noted that a more vital and engaged dialogue is needed between the BSAC, BALTFISH and the national administrations.

For that reason, and in order to improve planning and coordination of our work, I would be very pleased to invite you to a meeting after the summer holidays with the BSAC Management Team. The Team consists of the office bearers: General Assembly Honorary Chair, Executive Committee Chair and the Working Group Chairs, as well as the Secretariat.

¹ <http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/BSAC/About-the-BSAC/Evaluation-of-the-BSAC-FINAL-15th-January-2021.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB>

My strong wish is for such meetings to be held each year in order for the new BALTFISH Presidency to exchange information on the work plans between BALTFISH and BSAC. I hope that we can contribute to that and add even more value to our work and to the recommendations coming out of the BSAC.

I would propose a virtual meeting in the week commencing Monday 9th August 2021, and I hope a day in that week would be convenient for you. The BSAC Secretariat is ready to arrange a meeting for us all.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,



Esben Sverdrup-Jensen
Chair BSAC Executive Committee