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Consultation of the BSAC regarding a joint recommendation (modified T90 codend  
Invitation to the BALTFISH Symposium on seal–fish/ fisheries interaction in the Baltic Sea

Dear Sara Colliander,

Thank you very much for your letter of 18<sup>th</sup> January 2019 informing us about the process initiated and work done to correct the Commission Delegated Regulation 2018/47 which was adopted on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2017. The BSAC had taken the initiative to point out the need for an amendment to the wording on the specifications of the T90 trawl codend, by means of adding the words “at least” in Article 4 point 1. (d).

Thank you for taking our clarifications and suggested amendment onboard and for sending a corrected Joint Recommendation to the BALTFISH High Level Group on 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

Your colleague Gry Sagebakken from the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management informed the Executive Committee of this correction at its meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and the members took note.

We are very happy that you will send a joint recommendation to the Commission once this consultation is finalised.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for the invitation to your forthcoming Symposium on seal–fish/ fisheries interactions in the Baltic Sea on 19<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 in Gothenburg. Nils Höglund, chair of the Working Group on ecosystem based management has confirmed that he will be delighted to give a presentation on behalf of the BSAC at this Symposium. Thank you for also extending the invitation to three BSAC participants to take part at the symposium. We will send names as soon as possible,

Kind regards,



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BSAC Executive Committee chair