

**BSAC Joint Working Group (Demersal + Pelagic)
8th – 9th June 2021**

DRAFT Agenda REV

8th June 2021 **10.00 – 12.00 and 13.00 - 15.00** (CET)
and
9th June 2021 **10.00-12.00 and 13.00 - 15.00** (CET)

This will be a web-based Zoom meeting

We will organise breaks morning and afternoon, where necessary.

DAY ONE

- 1. Welcome by the Demersal WG chair Michael Andersen and Pelagic WG chair Mart Undrest**
They will moderate the meetings and the Secretariat will be taking notes
- 2. Formalities for the start of the meeting:**
Apologies and adoption of the agenda
- 3. Update from BALTFISH Presidency (Estonia)**
Kaire Märtin, Ministry of the Environment with relevant updates on the BALTFISH agenda and preparing the ground for the next BALTFISH Presidency.
- 4. The 2021 ICES advice for the Baltic**
The advice from ICES will be available on 28th May 2021. (please check the ICES website¹). Colm Lordan, ACOM vice chair will present the advice and answer any questions that have been sent in advance in writing.
NB: Assume, like previous years, we follow this sequence: demersal, flatfish, pelagic and salmon.²

¹ <https://www.ices.dk/advice/Pages/Latest-Advice.aspx>

Note: the advice on salmon in subdivisions 22–31, salmon in Subdivision 32, Western Baltic cod and herring in Subarea 4 and divisions 3.a. and 7.d, autumn spawners, is postponed and will be released in September. Joint WG will be invited to address this and decide on date for a meeting in the autumn. Although the number of stocks is reduced, the timing of the meeting has not been changed - discussions take as long as necessary.

² There are two questions to the salmon, for which the advice is delayed. Please find them on page two after the AOB.

DAY TWO

5. The Working Group will start drafting its recommendations to send to the Executive Committee
6. **Other work in the realm of the Demersal, Pelagic and Ecosystem Based management WGs**
 - Wolfgang Albrecht, Association of Fisheries Protection will raise the FLAG transnational project on seals and cormorants. *“The future of Baltic Sea small-scale fisheries: tackling the increasing impact of seals and cormorants predation”*³

7. AOB

Questions sent to the Secretariat

What is the issue with salmon and what is the reason for the delay considering there are no data issues or model issues etc? Will ICES be able to deliver a more river by river based advice in September in line with what the special request advice on salmon management stated last year?

With regard to the management of salmon, some years ago misreporting was discussed. Salmon was reported as sea trout.

For some years, the EU included a provision in the EU TAC/quota Regulation saying that it is prohibited to fish sea trout beyond the four nautical miles measured from the baseline.

We'd like to hear whether misreporting has still been observed over the last years, or can we see that the prohibition has helped?

³ Find information on this on the meeting website:

[http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Joint-Working-Group-\(3\)](http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Joint-Working-Group-(3))