

**BSAC Pelagic Working Group**  
**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020**  
**10.00 – 13.00**  
**DRAFT Agenda**

**This will be a web-based Zoom meeting**

**1. Welcome by the Pelagic WG chair Mart Undrest**

**2. Formalities for the start of the meeting:**

Apologies and adoption of the agenda

**3. Stickleback**

The BSAC Ecosystem Based Management Working Group (21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020) recommended that further work on stickleback should be done in the Pelagic Working Group or in a dedicated Focus Group. The group should meet as soon as possible and discuss how to approach a stickleback fishery in a controlled and responsible manner and to develop a pilot fishery. This was confirmed by the Executive Committee on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

The aim of this meeting is to clarify outstanding issues, and for the BSAC to develop guidelines for a trial fishery of stickleback as a first step. Such guidelines can describe the background of the problem (including ecosystem considerations), and include the implications of this fishery in terms of by-catch, relevant changes needed in the technical measures, and criteria for data collection and handling of the catch. Article 25 of the Technical Measures Regulation<sup>1</sup> describes the legal measures for a derogation for fishing operations conducted for the purpose of scientific investigations.

**4. Technical measures**

The Technical Measures Regulation<sup>2</sup> also includes the requirement for the Commission to carry out an evaluation of the regulation by 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. We will investigate the status on this and discuss possible BSAC input.

**5. AOB**

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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R1241>

<sup>2</sup> See Article 31 of Regulation