

BSAC Working Group on Ecosystem Based Management

Friday 4th February 2022 10.00 – 15.00 CET (by Zoom)

DRAFT Agenda

1. Welcome by the working group chair

2. Apologies and adoption of the agenda

3. With HELCOM: update on the revision of the Baltic Sea Action Plan

The aim is to inform of and discuss those actions from the adopted HELCOM BSAP that are relevant to fisheries and fisheries management. The BSAC provided a note to the HELCOM Heads of Delegation meeting on 8th and 9th December 2021. ¹This note gives the background and rationale, and highlights those measures proposed by the BSAC that have gone into the updated BSAP. It also goes through specific segments in order to point out actions that are relevant for fisheries. We hope that this note can be of use to the meeting.

4. Eel

The Commission has written to Member State Regional groups, as well as Chairs of the Advisory Councils in connection with the ICES advice on eel.² In its letter to the Advisory Councils, the Commission is seeking advice on how best to implement the advice, and is requesting concrete suggestions for both the commercial and recreational fisheries, as well as any other recommendation for inland waters and the aquaculture activities.³ The Working Group will address the ICES advice and attempt to formulate a draft reply to the Commission (deadline for replying is 4th April 2022)

5. AOB

Please inform Secretariat in advance, if you can, if you have any other business.

¹ <http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-meeting-with-BALTFISH-and-HELCOM>

² <https://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2021/2021/eel.2737.nea.pdf>

³ All relevant documentation relating to exchange between the BSAC and DG Mare is here <http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/BSAC-statement-on-eel>