

Code of Conduct for BSAC members and observers

Background

An external evaluation of the BSAC was carried out and presented to the BSAC Executive Committee on 29th January 2021.¹ It was agreed by the ExCom for a Working Group to look into the report, to describe solutions and propose actions for the BSAC to implement.

An WG meeting met on Monday 26th April 2021.² It reviewed the evaluation report. One proposed action made by the Working Group was to draft a Code of Conduct for all members of the BSAC, and for observers.

This Code of Conduct was presented to the General Assembly and Executive Committee, and was adopted by the BSAC on Wednesday 22nd September 2021.

Considering that:

- The Baltic Sea Advisory Council was established in 2006. Its main aim is to prepare and provide advice on the management of Baltic Sea fisheries in order to achieve a successful running of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy,
- EU Regulation 1380/2013 describes the role and function of the Advisory Councils,
- Commission Delegated Regulation 2017/1575 amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242 lays down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy,
- The BSAC consists of organisations representing the fisheries and other interest groups affected by the CFP,
- The BSAC adopted Rules of Procedure on 15th May 2019, Working Group Procedures on 15th November 2016, and Terms of Reference for the Management Team on 29th January 2019.³

¹ <http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC/About-the-BSAC>

² Report from meeting available from BSAC Secretariat

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The BSAC members have adopted this Code of Conduct:

When joining the BSAC

Representatives of organisations that join the BSAC undertake to:⁴

- share the aims of the BSAC and contribute to achieving them in a loyal manner,
- abide by the BSAC rules of procedure and working group procedures,
- abide by the decisions adopted by the General Assembly and the Executive Committee.

When taking part in the work

The BSAC members and observers:

- come well prepared to the meetings, having read the relevant documentation,
- use appropriate language and tone and respect the meeting etiquette,
- take an active part in the work and activities of the BSAC,
- listen to and respect the opinions of others.

The office bearers:

- take responsibility for their area of work,
- create a welcoming and conducive working environment,
- listen to the views of the members and encourage active participation.

⁴ Wording comes from the membership application form to the BSAC – on website
<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC/BSAC-Administration>