

BSAC Pelagic Working Group
Thursday 16th March 2023
10.00 – 14.00 (CET) by Zoom¹
DRAFT Agenda as of 02/03/2023

Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82514333975?pwd=YmJLVddSSm1VNFFzWDhNaVNM0J1QT09>

- 1. Welcome by the Pelagic WG Chair Lise Laustsen**
- 2. Formalities for the start of the meeting**
Apologies and adoption of the agenda
- 3. Bothnian bay and central herring – follow up on the Commission request to ICES**
The Commission will request ICES to: (i) conduct scientific analyses of the size and age structure of those stocks, and of the reasons for the observed reduced number of larger-sized herring, and (ii) identify possible measures to address this issue.
- 4. Cod spawning area closure exemption when the catch is sorted²**
BALTFISH has presented the answers from the Member States to the BSAC questions on the matter. Some Member States were to come back later in writing on this issue.
- 5. Application of the provision on water and ice during pelagic landings³**
The deduction of up to 2% of water and ice during landings of pelagic species does not apply to landings for industrial purposes. This is seen as an issue by some members that raised this topic during the BSAC ExCom in October 2022.
- 6. Latest news on Western Baltic Herring**
- 7. AOB**

¹ Please remember etiquette when taking part in online meeting: use headphones, speak clearly and raise hand to take floor.

Interpretation will be scheduled depending on request

² Article 7 of the Council Regulation 2021/1888

³ Article 74.2. Without prejudice to special rules for pelagic species referred to in Articles 78 – 89 of this Regulation which are landed in bulk for transfer to the point of first marketing, storage or processing, the deduction of water and ice from the total weight shall not exceed 2%.

[Commission Implementing Regulation \(EU\) No 404/2011 of 8 April 2011 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation \(EC\) No 1224/2009 establishing a Community control system for ensuring compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy \(europa.eu\)](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2011/404/oj)