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Subject: Baltic Sea Advisory Council recommendations for the fishery in the Baltic Sea for year 2024

Dear Ms Vitcheva,

On behalf of the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC), please find attached the BSAC recommendations for the fishing opportunities in year 2024. The table, in the document, presents a summary of the BSAC recommendations and the minority positions. Positions are explained in more detail in the document; under each stock we explain the recommendations of the BSAC as well as the dissenting opinions.

This year, as you will see in the recommendation, the discussions of BSAC members were focused on the limitations in the current scientific advice, the importance of the other factors affecting fish stocks as well as the mixed fisheries and selectivity issues. Discussions on management of the Baltic Sea fish stocks have taken place during our first workshop on the Baltic Multiannual Plan and will be continued later this year and in 2024.

As always, we appreciate the participation of your Colleagues at our meetings, open dialogue and explanations. We look forward to receiving your reply to our recommendations and remain hopeful to discuss them ahead of the October Council with the Commissioner¹.

Kind regards,



Jarek Zieliński
BSAC Executive Committee Chair

¹ BSAC letter to the Commissioner on a Baltic roundtable before Fisheries Council of October, [BSAC/2023-2024/12](#)