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## Implementation and revision of the CFP with a Baltic perspective Printed copy of the BSAC white paper to the Commission

Dear Ms Vitcheva,

I am very pleased to write to you after the decisions of the BSAC Executive Committee and General Assembly on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Glenn Douglas of the European Anglers Alliance was elected BSAC ExCom Vice Chair. Representing the Fish Producers' Organisation Bałtyk, from Kołobrzeg, I was honoured to be elected ExCom Chair. We look forward to working together with the members of the BSAC.

Earlier this year, my predecessor Esben Sverdrup-Jensen wrote to you and sent you the BSAC White Paper: Implementation and revision of the CFP with a Baltic perspective.

./. I am very pleased to send you a copy of the printed version which was presented at the General Assembly meeting. This is a comprehensive and consensus-based piece of advice, and we hope that the decision-makers will take this BSAC advice into account.



Moreover, at the General Assembly a recurrent theme was technical measures and selectivity and the work done during the year to draw attention to specific issues. The BSAC wrote to you on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022 about the draft Implementing Act to Regulation 2019/1241.<sup>1</sup>

I informed the General Assembly that this letter was also conveyed directly to the bureau of the Commissioner, with a kind request to help to make the draft Implementing Act available to the BSAC Expert Focus Group for consultation, in order to avoid any misinterpretation of the technical rules in the future.

We await your answer on this very important issue for the Baltic fisheries, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

Jarek Zieliński BSAC Executive Committee Chair

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/Technical-measures-and-the-draft-Implementing-Act