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Subject: **Outcome of Baltic Sea Advisory Council Executive Committee and General Assembly Wednesday 11th May 2022: Implementation and revision of the CFP with a Baltic perspective: BSAC White Paper**

Dear Virginijus Sinkevičius,

On behalf of the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC), I am very pleased to write and inform you of the outcome of last week's BSAC Executive Committee and General Assembly meetings. Representing the Fish Producers' Organisation Bałtyk, from Kołobrzeg, I was honoured to be elected BSAC ExCom Chair. Glenn Douglas of the European Anglers Alliance was elected BSAC ExCom Vice Chair. We both look forward to working together with the members of the BSAC and advancing the key issues for 2022-2023.
We especially look forward to working with you, and your Cabinet team.

As is the tradition for General Assemblies, the BSAC took stock of its work during 2021-2022. The outgoing ExCom Chair reported on a very busy year; the work done by the BSAC in the past year is impressive.

I would like to highlight the BSAC's White Paper on the CFP. This was formally presented at the General Assembly. The BSAC had committed to producing a communication to the Commission on the implementation and revision of the CFP with a Baltic perspective.

This commitment was made in relation to the Commission's task to report on the functioning of the CFP by the end of 2022.

./. Please find attached a printed copy of our White Paper. We find this to be a comprehensive and consensus-based piece of advice. Reaching consensus on key issues is a challenge. This is an example where members have worked hard to meet somewhere in the middle. As always, we hope that the Commission and decision-makers will read it, take our recommendations onboard and give us feedback.

Kind regards,

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Chair of the BSAC Executive Committee