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**Subject: Follow-up on the Multi-Advisory Council workshop on Control
Regulation, 5th February 2025**

Dear Ms Laustsen, dear Mr Zielinski,

Thank you for your letter of 17 March 2025 regarding the follow-up to the Multi-AC workshop on the revised Fisheries Control Regulation. We appreciate the engagement of BSAC, and the input provided during the discussions. We firmly believe that a well-structured consultation process is important for the preparation of secondary legislation through implementing and delegated acts, ensuring that all relevant contributions are meaningfully reflected.

We take note of your concerns regarding the need for a careful and well-prepared implementation process, which we share. It is critical to ensure that the implementing and delegated acts are developed in a transparent manner, allowing sufficient time for Member States to conduct meaningful stakeholder consultations and collect input from the sector.

In the already long consultation process we have started in September 2024 on the next wave of secondary legislation (before the entry into force of the related provisions in the Control Regulation in January 2026), we have received very substantial and useful input that we are taking into account when drafting the acts. The pace of the discussions is inevitably intense as we want to give Member States and operators enough time to prepare before the effective entry into application in January 2026 of the first wave of implementing and delegated act. This means that we need to aim at adopting this secondary legislation in the next few months.

I would like to underline that when preparing these draft acts, we have carefully factored in the imperative to reduce administrative burden and that these new rules be practical and implementable. In this regard we welcome the technical expertise of BSAC and other

Advisory Councils and appreciate your willingness to contribute to this work. Your outreach to BALTFISH goes in the same, constructive, direction.

We look forward to your continued interest and input on this matter.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of Unit