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Subject: Presentation of the ICES advice for the Baltic Sea in year 2025

Dear Jarek Zieliński,

Thank you for your letter regarding the presentation of ICES advice. ACOM leadership present the ICES advice on behalf of the committee in accordance with our Grant Agreement with the European Union. The experts contributing to ICES work are not individually responsible for the ICES advice nor is their time controlled or supported by ICES. So, what you propose is not really something that ICES can implement.

That said, I do see value in close interaction between the experts and the BSAC and I have in the past attended AC meetings wearing my national hat as a technical support to the ACOM Vice-Chair for specific issues. So, if the BSAC had specific stocks in mind we could reach out to the relevant experts and explore their capacity and willingness to attend. We could review and have further dialogue before the advice release next year.

Kind regards,

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Colm Lordan ACOM Chair