

BSAC Executive Committee
13th November 2025 9:00-15:30
Online through Zoom¹

Agenda

[Key]: I: Information, D: Discussion, A: Adoption/Decision

1. Welcome by the BSAC ExCom Chair Jarek Zielinski

- a. Apologies, quorum, AOB, and adoption of the agenda [I/A]
- b. Adoption of the report from the last ExCom meeting (26th June 2025) and review of the action items [I/A]
- c. Two ExCom members to check the minutes [I]

2. Reports from meetings [I]

- BALTFISH Forum, 8th September 2025, Stockholm
- Science Focus Group, 9th September 2025, Stockholm
- Baltic Conference 30th September 2025, Stockholm
- Roundtable meeting with the Commissioner before October Council, 14th October 2025, Brussels
- Pelagic WG, 4th November 2025
- Demersal WG, 6th November 2025
- Energy Transition in Fisheries 2026 - conference in Helsinki, 4-5 November 2025
- Energy Transition Focus Group - meetings and the BSAC recommendation submitted to the COM, on 30th October

3. Planned meetings (I)

- Science Focus Group, 4th December 2025
- Meeting with EFCA and visit onboard of the patrol vessel, Gdynia, 5th December 2025, 9:00, presentation on modern surveillance methods by EFCA at 10:30 -11:30 in the National Marine Fisheries Research Institute
- EBM WG meeting, 05.12.2025, Gdynia
- Inter-AC meeting on 18th November, 2025
- MIAC (22nd January 2026), MIACO (22-23 January 2026) + preparatory meeting with COM on 21st January 2026
- ExCom meeting, 28th January 2026, Gothenburg (afternoon) – invitation to submit points to the agenda
- Meeting with BALTFISH Control Expert Group, 29th January 2026, Gothenburg (morning)- invitation to submit points to the agenda
- DEMERSAL WG meeting in March - invitation to submit points to the agenda
- PELAGIC WG, meeting in March - invitation to submit points to the agenda
- EBM WG meeting in March - invitation to submit points to the agenda

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4. Update on AGRIFISH decisions

5. 5-year BSAC performance review (D) – launch of performance review, adoption of the terms of reference.

6. Information on ongoing files and Executive Committee input

- a. **Preparation of the meeting between ICES and Advisory Councils** (MIAC – MIACO) [I/D/A] the first set of questions was sent to PELAC (the organiser of the meeting). [MIAC-2026-BSAC-questions-submitted-to-ExCom.pdf](#)
- b. **Discussion on the Commission's proposal for a new Advisory Council dedicated to small-scale fisheries**, as referred to in the Communication on the European Ocean Pact – BSAC recommendation /letter (D) [EN LetterMultiAcs.SSF .OceansPact Approved.pdf](#)
- c. **Advice on good management practices in the AC - joint advice** (D) [Draft-Joint-AC-advice-on-the-internal-AC-management vesrion-adopted-by-BSAC-ExCom.pdf](#)
- d. **BSAC advice to enhance the role and functioning of the Advisory Councils** (BSAC consulted the InterAC advice but comments made by BSAC members were not accepted by other ACs – the ExCom is to decide whether the BSAC should send its own advice/letter to the Commission) (D) [EN-Inter-AC Advice AC-functionning Evaluation-CFP 1September2025 signed.pdf](#)
- e. **BSAC format for written recommendations** [I/D/A]
- f. **BSAC to join Energy Transition Partnership (ETP) - decision of the Energy Transition Focus Group to promote the interests of the Baltic** [I/D/A]

7. Update from the Secretariat

8. Presentation the cormorant framework plan - *Professor Ian Cowx or Niels Jepsen for EIFFAC.*

- **Information from HELCOM on grey seal population abundance** [Background-rationale-and-methodology-for-setting-threshold-values-for-the-abundance-of-grey-seals.pdf](#)

9. AOB

- **BSAC recommendation on the future of EU fisheries funding**
- **BSAC 20th Anniversary Celebration** - event in May 2026 – ideas, venue, list of guests, programme - discussion