



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR MARITIME AFFAIRS AND FISHERIES

The Director-General

Brussels,
MARE/C1/CP-AK/ms

Dear Mr Zieliński,

I would like to thank the BSAC for its recommendation of 26 June 2026 on a rebuilding framework.

I am very grateful for BSAC's proactiveness on this file. This is reflected by the creation of a dedicated working group focussing on science and the fact that this group started working on this recommendation already last year. The recommendation is very timely as we presented to the Advisory Councils end of June the Commission's reflections about a request to ICES for supplementary advice for depleted stocks, under which ICES would also develop stock rebuilding scenarios. That request has now been submitted to ICES, and we are currently awaiting their response, after which the request will be finalised.

Finally, I fully agree with you that it will not be possible to improve the state of the Baltic Sea fish stocks by fisheries management measures alone as the fish stocks depend on the wider ecosystem. This being said, fisheries management does of course also play a role, and even if measures in other policy areas are taken, the state of the Baltic Sea fish stocks will not improve if the fisheries management measures are not sufficient.

I am looking forward to our continued fruitful cooperation. Should you have any further questions on this reply, please contact Ms Julia Rubeck, our Advisory Councils coordinator, via the functional mailbox MARE-AC@ec.europa.eu or Mr Christoph Priebe, via christoph.priebe@ec.europa.eu.

Yours sincerely,

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