

- The Presidency of the European Union
- Fisheries Council of the European Community
- Member states around the Baltic
- European Commission
- The European Parliament
- The Commission's Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (ACFA)
- The International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
- The Helsinki Commission (HELCOM)

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BS RAC recommendation on a multi-annual plan for cod in the Baltic Sea

The BS RAC's initial position on the Commission's proposal for a multi-annual plan for Baltic cod was forwarded to the Fisheries Council, the European Commission, Member States etc. on 5 September 2006.

Since then the BS RAC has become aware that the Council Working Party on Internal Fisheries Policy has been discussing aspects of the plan and that the text of the plan has been revised. However, the RAC has not received any updated version.

Nevertheless, the Executive Committee of the RAC, at its meeting of 22nd May 2007, re-confirmed the consensus view expressed in the September recommendation and, based on informal information regarding the revised content of the plan, have agreed additional recommendations.

The annexed paper includes the new recommendations as well as the recommendations from September 2006.

The BS RAC kindly ask the German presidency, the Fisheries Council, Member States and the European Commission to take into consideration the BS RAC position when drawing up and deciding on the final text of the multi-annual plan for cod in the Baltic Sea.

Yours sincerely,



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