



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

HELCOM FISH Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG Aquaculture)

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### Background

CG AQUACULTURE 1-2017 agreed that a compilation of BAT/BEP definitions and related concepts should be produced and Sweden was tasked to lead the work. Sweden subsequently circulated a questionnaire on national BAT/BEP definitions to be filled in by Contracting Parties.

CG AQUACULTURE 2-2018 took note of the received contributions from Denmark, Estonia, Finland and Sweden to the questionnaire regarding the definitions of BAT/BEP sent out to all Contracting Parties ([documents 4-3](#) and [4-4](#)), as presented by Sweden. The meeting thanked Sweden for the work done, and emphasized that it is very useful to have information on the situation in various countries.

CG AQUACULTURE 2-2018 also took note of the BAT/BEP definition analysis about national and international legislation concerning BAT/BEP ([document 4-2](#)) developed by a consultant, as presented by Sweden, and considered it relevant as background to matters of aquaculture BAT/BEP implementation.

The meeting further considered document [4-2 Add.1](#), which contained national BAT/BEP definitions for a number of countries compiled by a consultant.

CG AQUACULTURE 2-2018 agreed that all countries would check the information in documents 4-2-Add.1 and 4-3, combine them as appropriate, complete missing information (especially for countries that had not yet responded to the questionnaire sent out by Sweden) and make any necessary corrections. The meeting agreed that Contracting Parties would send the completed information to the Secretariat by 23 November 2018. No replies were received by the deadline.

This document presents the compiled responses on aquaculture BAT/BEP definitions by Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Poland and Sweden.

### Action requested

The Contracting Parties are invited to check the information in the separate [Excel file](#) attached to this document (5-1-Att.1) as well as document [4-2-Add.1](#) of CG AQUACULTURE 2-2018, combine them as appropriate, complete missing information (especially for countries that had not yet responded to the questionnaire sent out by Sweden), make any necessary corrections and submit the resulting document to the Secretariat ([petra.kaaria@helcom.fi](mailto:petra.kaaria@helcom.fi)) **by 15 June**, after which an updated Excel file will be submitted by the Secretariat for consideration by the Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to consider how the compiled information should be used in the further implementation of the Recommendation for sustainable aquaculture and the Terms of reference of CG Aquaculture.