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### Background

Denmark provides the following 2 proposals in writing to facilitate the discussions at the DG BSAP 7 meeting.

1. In the eutrophication segment introduction there is an open issue regarding avoidance of increased inputs. DK prefer the wording included in meeting document 2-1. However, it has come to our attention that this option might not be supported by all CPs. In the spirit of compromise we therefore propose the following text:

“The input ceilings for nitrogen and phosphorus are based on current scientific knowledge and are subject to uncertainties. This emphasizes the need to follow the precautionary principle. While recognizing activities of vital societal needs, increased inputs of nitrogen or phosphorus to a basin should to the extent possible be avoided until both MAI and good status with respect to eutrophication have been reached, even in basins where inputs are already below the NIC.”

2. In the sea-based segment introduction there is an open issue regarding fishing mortality. If the other CPs are of the opinion that fishing mortality should be mentioned, we propose the following rewording:

“Fishing takes place in large areas of the Baltic Sea, with direct effects on target species as well as on protected species and habitats. Currently, the majority of Baltic Sea commercial fish stocks are not in good status with respect to biomass and **there are concerns with [fishing mortality] for many stocks**. Physical disturbance to the seabed from bottom trawling and by-catches of birds, marine mammals and non-target fish species in fishing gear constitute other pressures on the ecosystem, which need to be reduced. Furthermore, fishing activities contribute to shifts in the food web, alterations in size-age distribution, as well as reductions in reproductive capacity and resilience of both fish and other marine organisms.”

### Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the Danish proposals, discuss them and if found suitable agree to include them in the updated BSAP.

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