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Background

This document comments on document 4-3 (draft updated Baltic Sea Action Plan). In document 4-3 the Meeting is invited to consider the actions for which the DG BSAP and the Segment Teams have found the proposed wording satisfactory (coloured green), with a view to agreeing in principle on their inclusion in the updated BSAP.

In finalizing the additional information on the actions, tentatively to be placed in an Annex to the updated BSAP, with regard to actions related to the Fish Group, the intersessional FISH 12A-2021 (2 and 4 March 2021) meeting noted that the wording of one such green coloured action is not clear and that some rephrasing may be needed (c.f. paragraphs 2.14-2.15 of the Outcome).

Action SE37 was originally rephrased by FISH 11-2020 and DG BSAP SEA 2-2021 agreed that the drafting of the action was satisfactory, as follows:

Sharing of information and implementation among Contracting Parties, BALTFISH and BSAC on the implementation of non-lethal mitigation measures or ways to manage seals-fisheries interactions.

FISH 12A-2021 agreed that the additional information for the action cannot be finalized until the action itself has been clarified. The Meeting consequently invited the Secretariat to submit a commenting document to HELCOM 42-2021, proposing that the action should be redrafted as follows:

Sharing information among Contracting Parties, Baltfish and BSAC on non-lethal mitigation measures or other ways to manage seals-fisheries interactions and implementing those measures, as appropriate.

After the formulation of the action SE37 has been clarified by either HELCOM 42-2021 or DG BSAP 3-2021, FISH 13-2021 will finalize the drafting of additional information for the action.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to agree in principle with the inclusion of action SE37 in the updated BSAP, as redrafted by FISH 12A-2021 or, alternatively, invite DG BSAP SEA 3-2021 (9 April 2021) to finalize the drafting of the action.