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Background

In relation with the implementation of HELCOM Recommendation 35/1 on HELCOM MPAs, STATE & CONSERVATION 10-2019 invited Germany to present the progress of fisheries management in MPAs of the German EEZ.

Measures regulating commercial fishing in protected areas of the EEZ can only be implemented under the CFP by MS with fishing interests on the basis of a “joint recommendation”. This process takes a lot of time, and therefore Germany had decided to start the process for its EEZ of the North Sea and continue with measures for the Baltic Sea once the North Sea process is finished. This process started in 2015 and is still ongoing. Therefore, no measures for the German EEZ are in place so far, but under preparation.

The presentation that will be given at the meeting will concentrate on the North Sea because the process has progressed much further there, and describes the steps to agree on a joint recommendation.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the information about the process towards the implementation of fisheries measures for the German EEZ as presented by Germany.

