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BALTFISH Joint Recommendation on fisheries conservation measures under Articles 11 and 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy in the marine protected area Havet kring Ven in the Baltic Sea

Dear Ms Vitcheva,

Germany as the BALTFISH presidency hereby submits to the European Commission a Joint Recommendation on fisheries conservation measures under Articles 11 and 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy in the marine protected area Havet kring Ven in the Baltic Sea, located in waters under Swedish sovereignty.

The Joint Recommendation is initiated by Sweden and jointly recommended by Denmark. The main purpose of the proposed fisheries conservation measures is to ensure adequate protection of designated and sensitive species in the concerned marine protected area in the Baltic Sea. According to Article 6 of Directive 92/43/EEC (the Habitats Directive), Member States shall take appropriate steps to avoid, in the special areas of conservation, the disturbance of the species for which the areas have been designated.

The proposed fisheries conservation measures are necessary for the protection of designated habitats and species within the marine protected area in the Baltic Sea and are applied in a non-discriminative manner in close coordination with Member States having a direct management interest in the concerned site as described in Articles 11 and 18 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013.

The draft was submitted to Member States having a direct fisheries management interest in the protected areas (namely Denmark), to the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC) and to the European Commission for consultations, facilitation of cooperation and further negotiations in accordance with provisions of Article 11 and 18 of the CFP Regulation. The discussions on the Joint Recommendation were finalised by written procedure which ended on 27 August 2024. The proposal was adopted at the BALTFISH High Level Group meeting on 4 September 2024.

The proposal for fisheries conservation measures and the reply received from BSAC are presented in the annexes to the Joint Recommendation.

Your sincerely,

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