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**Subject: Misreporting in Baltic Sea Salmon fisheries**

Dear Mr Bloot,

Thank you very much for your letter. The European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) assessed the risk of "*misrecording*" (and misreporting) the catch of Baltic Sea Salmon as medium to high depending on the segment in the latest annual regional risk assessment also encompassing the "*threat*" of misreporting as Sea Trout.

As you know, the Specific Control and Inspection Programme (SCIP) for Baltic Sea fisheries (Commission Implementing Decision 2013/305/EU of 21 June 2013) is implemented through the Baltic Sea Joint Deployment Plan (BS JDP) coordinated by EFCA. The general objective of the JDP is to ensure compliance with the requirements of the SCIP by means of a coordinated programme of *inspections* of fishing vessels at sea and in ports of landing implemented by the Member States.

According to the regional risk assessment, one of the specific objectives of the JDP is to contribute effectively to the improvement of compliance in relation to, among other priority risks, the sincerity and reliability of the information recorded and reported for tackling misreporting in the Salmon fisheries.

In this framework and under EFCA coordination the Member States are requested to task control assets for specific monitoring, control and inspection (MCS) actions directed towards the fleet segments where the non-compliance with the reporting of Salmon catches was identified.

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The EFCA will do every effort within its remit to assist the Member States and the European Commission in the recovery of Baltic Sea fishing stocks and ecosystems. I am available for any further communication including through the Baltic Sea Advisory Council and remain,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

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