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Statement by DE, DK, FI, EE, LV, LT, SE, PL on Plaice in subdivisions 22-32

Member States concerned are committed to take all the necessary measures in order to ensure higher precision of catch assessment for this stock and paying full respect to the obligation to register all-inclusive discard data of plaice.

Statement by DE, DK, FI, EE, LV, LT, SE, PL on Salmon in the Gulf of Finland

Member States concerned are highly committed to the measures necessary for conservation of the wild salmon stocks in the Gulf of Finland. In particular, EE will continue its strict and targeted management measures in the coastal waters, as well as salmon rivers and their outlets, e.g., construction and maintenance of fish passages, habitat restoration, restocking activities and protection measures to support wild salmon stocks through its' migratory ways as recommended by ICES. FI will continue with the compensatory releases of fin clipped salmon and maintain the trap-net fishery in FI coastal waters that targets salmon from such releases. FI will also start the planning of an eventual construction of a fish passage on the Kymijoki River in order to support the natural reproduction of the introduced Neva salmon stock.

Statement by DE, DK, FI, EE, LV, LT, SE, PL on Sprat in Subdivisions 22-32

Member States concerned agree that the fishing at maximum sustainable yield (MSY) level shall be reached by 2015 for pelagic stocks in the Baltic Sea. By applying a stepwise approach in the movement to the MSY level when setting the TAC for sprat in 2014, Member States are fully aware that further adjustments of the TAC level should be fully respected in 2015, in order to reach the above goal.

Statement by DE, DK, FI, EE, LV, LT, SE, PL regarding measures for the recovery of weak salmon stocks

Member States concerned and the Commission agree that weak salmon stocks are in need of targeted measures to support their recovery.

Based on an initiative of Finland and Sweden, the Member States concerned will consider possibilities for targeted fisheries management measures covering sea and inland waters and control efforts that support the recovery of weak salmon stocks. Member States concerned will consider such measures when preparing for the adoption of the 2015 salmon TAC for the Main Basin and Gulf of Bothnia.