

Annex 2: Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
1. The Working Group should meet in 2008 to address questions posed by ACFM. The Working Group should convene in Gdynia, Poland, from 1 th of April to 10 th of April.	
2. Further effort should be taken to estimate effort and catches of salmon and sea trout in Polish offshore fishery.	Fulfilled
3. The Working Group asks for special attention of ICES to get feedback in the process of exploring and developing reference points for Baltic salmon (see section 5.6).	ACFM
4. Salmon of the Gulf of Finland (assessment unit 6) should be assessed together with the salmon of the Main Basin and the Gulf of Bothnia. The justification for this is that the Gulf of Finland salmon and other Baltic salmon are harvested to great extent by the same mixed stock fisheries.	WGBAST, ACFM
5. Evaluation of the status of Baltic sea trout stocks should be harmonized. For this, each country should provide sufficient background information on the current status of the stocks, including reasons for decreased production. Additionally the current practices used in evaluation of the status of the stocks should be provided.	WGBAST members
6. Countries with potential salmon rivers (appointed under Salmon Action Plan) should evaluate the applied measures.	Baltic countries
7. Proportion of adipose fin clipped salmon in Baltic salmon fisheries should be monitored in conjunction with DCR or other data collection programmes.	Baltic countries
8. Baltic countries should collect scale samples from catch in the Main Basin area in accordance with the sampling scheme established by WGBAST in 2005.	Baltic countries
9. The Working Group prepares to provide relevant time series data of Baltic salmon and trout for the next Baltic Integrated Ecosystem Assessment.	WGBAST
10. The ability of the assessment to estimate properly the current post smolt survival must be evaluated. Studies to explore the underlying reasons for the downward trend in the survival should be initiated.	WGBAST