

## Annex 2: Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
1. The Working Group should meet in 2009 to address questions posed by ACOM. The Working Group should convene in, Oulu, Finland, from 24 <sup>th</sup> of March to 2 <sup>ns</sup> of April.	
2. 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, ACOM
3. Evaluate alternatives to the present Carlin-tagging programmes.	WGBAST
4. Index rivers, with more detailed monitoring, should be established, preferably one in each assessment area preferably for both salmon and sea trout.	WGBAST
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. Reliable estimates on parr to smolt survival should be established with sufficient geographical coverage to enable calculation of smolt production in different parts of the Baltic Sea area.	WGBAST members, (SGBALANST)
6. Improving data collection under the EU Data Collection Programme particularly for the Main Basin. Includes revision of the sampling scheme established by WGBAST in 2005.	Baltic countries, WGBAST
7. Countries with potential salmon rivers (appointed under Salmon Action Plan) should evaluate the applied measures.	Baltic countries
8. The proportion of adipose fin clipped salmon in Baltic salmon fisheries should be monitored in conjunction with DCR or other data collection programmes.	Baltic countries
9. Studies to explore the underlying reasons for downward trend variation in at-sea survival should be continued. Furthermore the ability of the WGBAST assessment to estimate properly the current post-smolt survival must be evaluated.	WGBAST, Baltic countries