

Annex 2 Recommendations

RECOMMENDATION	ACTION
1. The Working Group should convene in St. Petersburg, Russia, from 8th to 15th of April 2010, to address questions posed by ACOM.	
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 by the same mixed stock fisheries.	WGBAST, ACOM
3. Evaluate alternatives to the present Carlin-tagging programmes. Until this has been undertaken present tagging programmes should be continued.	WGBAST
4. It is recommended that the international assessment of sea trout populations is developed as proposed by SGBALANST. Index rivers, with more detailed monitoring, should be developed and continued, at least one river in each assessment area.	WGBAST
5. Reliable estimates on sea trout parr to smolt survival should be provided with sufficient geographical coverage to enable calculation of smolt production in different parts of the Baltic Sea area. A common classification system of habitats should be established between countries around the Baltic sea, and it is recommended that this is elaborated through a joint workshop.	WGBAST
6. Improving data collection under the EU Data Collection Programme particularly for the Main Basin. Includes revision of the scheme of biological sampling from catches 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 and sea trout in Baltic fisheries should be monitored in conjunction with DCR or other data collection programmes.	Baltic countries
9. Spatial and temporal representativeness of the stock proportion estimates in catches should be evaluated from the Main Basin, including reanalyses of old catch samples using the most updated baseline data. Trial runs of stock assessment model with simulated data needs to be carried out to investigate the model behavior in case genetic stock composition data would be added.	WGBAST
10. Studies to explore the underlying reasons for downward trend and variation in post-smolt survival should be continued, taking into account prey and predator effects on survival during the post-smolt migration. The work needs to be done in coordination with the respective groups studying salmon in North Atlantic (WGNAS, SGBICEPS).	WGBAST, Baltic countries