

# **Arrangements for the management of fishing effort in the Baltic Sea**

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In the view of the Committee, the Commission should ensure that the introduction of the system of special fishing permits does not lead to overfishing of the target species. The Committee thinks that the Commission should promote research on the estimation of catches at different levels of fishing effort for the various species in cooperation with the International Baltic Sea Fishery Commission (IBSFC) and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES). The Commission should also work together with these organizations to ensure that all countries which fish in the Baltic introduce the system of special fishing permits at the same time and at the earliest possible opportunity.