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i Executive summary

Due to the extraordinary measure to cancel or postpone all Committee and Expert Group meetings, whether in-person, online or hybrid, scheduled between 7 March and 1 April 2022, the Baltic Salmon and Trout Assessment Working Group (WGBAST), that was scheduled to take place in Copenhagen from the 22nd to the 30th March 2022 did not take place. However, some work was undertaken by members of WGBAST outside of this period and that work is reported here. Please refer to the WGBAST 2021 report for further information on the basis of the advice provided in May, 2022.

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ii Expert group information

Expert group name	Baltic Salmon and Trout Assessment Working Group (WGBAST)
Expert group cycle	Annual
Year cycle started	2022
Reporting year in cycle	1/1
Chair	Martin Kesler, Estonia
Meeting venue and date	Due to the extraordinary measure to cancel or postpone all Committee and Expert Group meetings, whether in-person, online or hybrid, scheduled between 7 March and 1 April 2022, the Baltic Salmon and Trout Assessment Working Group (WGBAST) scheduled to take place in Copenhagen from the 22 nd to the 30 th March 2022 did not take place.

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1 Introduction

Due to the ICES suspension of meetings in March 2022, the WGBAST was not able to meet for our annual meeting to respond to the ICES Terms of Reference and to provide advice. The group had several informal online meetings during April 2022. The availability of data, possibility to updated data series, ability to carry out assessment and provide advice was discussed. Given the limited timeframe and availability of the WG members, the challenges revealed to be too great. Therefore, it was unanimously agreed that the work of WGBAST 2021 and the ICES advice provided in 2021 represent the best available science and information available on these issues. This work is the best available science, much better than what could be done in the face of missing data series and missing WGBAST members due to the compressed and changed work schedules.

The work published by ICES in 2021 is the best available science and remains a valid source of information for resource managers and policy makers.

The WGBAST very much looks forward to working together in 2023.

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Annex 1: List of participants

To be updated.

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Annex 2: Resolutions

To be updated.