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Joint Statement by Germany, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Estonia, Sweden, Denmark and the Commission on salmon fishing

Germany, Finland, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, Estonia, Sweden, Denmark and the Commission will take all necessary measures to ensure that misreporting of salmon catches and any illegal salmon fishing is eliminated from the beginning of 2019.

Joint Statement by the Commission and Germany on the option of support for the temporary cessation of fishing activities by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

1. Point (b) of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks allows the Member States to adopt emergency measures in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy.

2. Given the assessment of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) on cod and herring in Subdivisions 22-24 Germany therefore deems it necessary to adopt emergency measures in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation 1380/2013. The emergency measures consist of a limitation of fishing activities in Subdivisions 22-24 by 20 days for German fishing vessels fishing for cod and 30 days for vessels fishing for herring.

3. Germany and the Commission consider that emergency measures under point (a) of Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2328/2003 are eligible for funding from the EMFF.

Joint Statement by the Commission and Lithuania on the option of support for the temporary cessation of fishing activities by the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)

1. Point (b) of Article 5(4) of Regulation (EU) 2016/1139 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 6 July 2016 establishing a multiannual plan for the stocks of cod, herring and sprat in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting those stocks allows the Member States to adopt emergency measures in accordance with Article 13 of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 December 2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy.

2. Given the assessment of the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) on the effectiveness of current conservation measures in place for the Baltic cod, in particular for Eastern Baltic cod, Lithuania deems it necessary to adopt emergency measures in accordance with Article 13(1) of Regulation 1380/2013. The emergency measures consist of closing fishing activities in Subdivisions 25-32 by two additional months in June and August 2019 for Lithuanian fishing vessels fishing for cod.

3. Lithuania and the Commission consider that this emergency measure is eligible for funding from the EMFF under point (a) of Article 33(1) of Regulation (EU) No 508/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 15 May 2014 on the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund and repealing Council Regulation (EC) No 2328/2003.