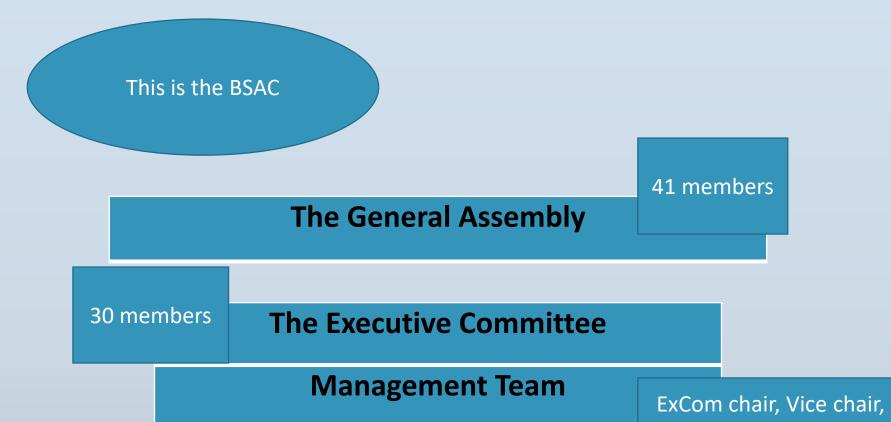
Best Practices for ensuring high quality recommendations and their delivery in due time







Demersal Working Group

They each have their own chairs and no fixed membership

Pelagic Working Group
Working Group on
Ecosystem Based
Management

ExCom chair, Vice chair, Honorary chair, WG chairs + Secretariat

BSAC

Baltic Sea Advisory Council

- BSAC set up in 2006.
- Adopted a set of statutes AND rules of procedure for the BSAC.
- Have already 5
 times made
 amendments to the
 statutes and rules of
 procedure.
- A set of amendments proposed at November 2018 Extraordinary General Assembly not adopted.

Hard to keep making make separate amendments Agreed on a full revision needed >>>> Focus Group



Shorter, simpler + easier to read

The required 2/3 quorum for decisions in ExCom replaced by simple majority



New Rules of Procedure What's new?

For Gen Ass and ExCom written mandates can be included in the majority decisions

E mail decisions by ExCom need a maximum of 20 days

A fast track procedure is for the ExCom chair AND vice chair to coordinate

WG chairs can be elected for no more than three terms of three years

Secretariat sets a deadline for requests for interpreting

New Rules procedure What's new cont'd? Secretariat will strive to provide web conference link at meetings

A personal data policy made clear on the BSAC website



One reference only at the start to EU legislation governing the ACs

Still elect the ExCom chair from within the General Assembly



Consensus is STILL the goal for the Executive Committee and the General Assembly



The Decision taking

But if that can't be achieved:

For General Assembly, we take a simple majority vote (including written mandates)

For ExCom we take a simple majority vote (including written mandates)

Dissenting opinions are recorded in the reports and recommendations

The rules of procedure are supported by:

 A clear set of Working Group procedures from 2016 – these feed into the ExCom work and decision-making process



• Terms of reference for its Management Team adopted 2019

• A set of Best Practices adopted 2019 – not rules, but a "perfect world" scenario



