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(reply sent by email to  
kalervo.aska@hotmail.com)

**Subject: Re emails to Ms DAMANAKI, No 1294 of 11.10.2010 and of  
20.10.2010 (CAB DAMANAKI)**

Dear Mr Aska,

Hereby I would like to thank you for your letter and kind information concerning the Baltic Sea fisheries.

In reply to your concern expressed regarding the state of Baltic Sea salmon stocks, I would like to assure you that I share your concerns.

As for the establishment of the 2011 TAC for the stocks in question I would like to draw your attention to the fact that when drafting its proposal, the Commission is legally bound to base its calculations for all fisheries stocks on scientific advice that is independent from the Commission. The present proposed TAC takes into account the actual use of Baltic salmon quotas in the course of 2010 by the Member States and hence the scientific advice is adjusted accordingly.

I would also like to point out that the legal framework of the EU, including the concept of exclusive and shared competences between the Union and its Member States is in full compliance with international law and is successfully applied in the context of numerous UN conventions.

Finally, I am pleased to inform you that at present my services are developing a multiannual plan for the conservation and management of the Baltic salmon stock and the fisheries exploiting that stock to adequately address the problem.

Yours sincerely,

  
Carla MONTESI  
Director