

Revised draft on cormorants to ExCom

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The Baltic Sea RAC resolution of 23.6.2009 on measures to solve the conflict between cormorants and fisheries

The Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (BS RAC),

Having regard to rapidly growing cormorant populations, growing financial losses due to cormorants and the European Parliament resolution of 4.12.2008 on the adoption of a European Cormorant Management Plan (2008/2177(INI)),

Calls on the Commission to consider all legal means to reduce the negative effects of cormorant populations on fishing and aquaculture including:

- 1) as an immediate action the guidance on the nature of the derogations allowed under Article 9 of the Wild Birds Directive and
- 2) in the long run the adding of both subspecies of cormorant on the list of species whose hunting is permitted (Annex II of the Wild Birds Directive).

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