

AGENDA

Venue: MIR, Gdynia

MODERATOR: *Axel Wenblad, former Director of Swedish Board of Fisheries, Sweden*

Day 1:

12:30 Lunch

13:30 Welcome and introductions – *Niki Sporrang, FISH, and Ewa Milewska, Baltic Coordinator, WWF Poland*

13:40 Key note: Low Impact Fisheries in the Baltic Sea – modified and alternative fishing techniques– *Gustaf Almqvist, The Fisheries Secretariat (FISH), Sweden*

14:20 Panel discussion: From theory to practice – reflections on low impact fisheries

PANEL MEMBERS

- 1) Targets species (cod and flatfish) – *Eskild Kierkegaard, Technical University of Denmark (DTU Aqua), Denmark*
- 2) Bycatch of birds – *Jochen Bellebaum, independent expert on bird bycatch, Germany*
- 3) Habitats – *Christian Pusch, Marine and Coastal Nature Conservation Unit, German Federal Agency for Nature Conservation (EMPAS), Germany*
- 4) Vulnerable species (seals) – *Sven-Gunnar Lunneryd, Institute of Coastal Research, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden*
- 5) Vulnerable species (harbour porpoise) – *Krzysztof Skóra, Hel Marine Station, University of Gdansk, Poland*
- 6) Fuel efficiency – *Sara Hornberg, The Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology (SIK), Sweden*

15:40 Coffee

16:00 Scottish Conservation Credit Scheme: how fishermen, scientists and decision makers cooperate to facilitate fisheries management – *Mike Parker, Chief Executive, Scottish White Fish Producers Association Limited, Scotland*

16:30 BS RAC work on reducing cod discards – *Reine Johansson, Chairman, Baltic Sea RAC*

16:50 EU project on cod trawl selectivity (LOT 1) – *Hans Nilsson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden*

17:10 Low Impact Fisheries in action in the Baltic Sea:
The Swedish Cod Fishermen's Producer Organisation's (STPO) strategy for harvesting the Baltic cod – *Staffan Larsson, STPO, Sweden*
Development and evaluation of the seal-safe pontoon trap – *Sven-Gunnar Lunneryd, Institute of Coastal Research, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Sweden*

18:00 End of Day 1

19:30 Joint dinner at the Gdynia Aquarium

Day 2:

08:30 Opening key note: **WWF work on low impact fishing**

Alfred Schumm, Director, WWF Smart Fishing Initiative, Global Fisheries Programme

09:00 **World Café discussions**

Conversations that matter: moving towards action: How can we implement Low Impact Fisheries in the Baltic Sea region?

Facilitators: *Kajsa Balkefors, Kajsa Balkefors AB/Cirkus Transfer, Tatiana Glad, Co-funder of Waterlution and partner of Engage! InterAct, and Iwona Roman*

11:45 **Recommendations for action** – the recommendations from the groups are presented and further discussed.

12:30 EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region – how can LIF be realised through the Baltic strategy?

12:50 Conclusion and closing remarks

13:00 End of conference and lunch