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Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries

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With reference to the decision of HOD 50-2016 paragraph 4.100) the fifth Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 5-2016), will be held on 16-17 November 2016 at the premises of the Danish AgriFish Agency (Address: Nyropsgade 30, Copenhagen V) in Copenhagen, Denmark.

The Meeting will start at 12:00 on Wednesday, 16 November and is expected to terminate by 16:00 on Thursday 17 November 2016.

The Meeting will elect a Chair for itself.

The Meeting will be held back-to-back with the third Meeting of the HELCOM task force on migratory fish species (FISH-M 3-2016) which will start at 10:00 on Tuesday 15 November and terminate by 10:00 on Wednesday 16 November 2016.

Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [FISH 5-2016 meeting site](#) on the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

Those Meeting participants that wish to provide their contributions for the Meetings are requested to submit the documents in electronic format to Professional Secretary Mr. Hermanni Backer (hermanni.backer@helcom.fi) at the latest by 21 October 2016. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents shall be received by the Secretariat not later than seven days before the opening of the Meeting, i.e. 7 November 2016.

Participants are kindly requested to register to the Meetings by answering the participation survey of [FISH 5-2016](#) on the HELCOM Meeting Portal by 7 November 2016 at the latest. Instructions for the use of the HELCOM Meeting Portal are available at the [HELCOM Website](#).

Agenda Item 1 Election of Chair

The Meeting is invited to take note that the Chair of HELCOM Fish (2014-2016), Mr. Marcin Rucinski, has been engaged as coordinator for the LIFE project Baltic and North Seas with Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE, www.lifeplatform.eu) and cannot continue as the Chair of the Working Group.

The Meeting is invited to elect a Chair and vice-Chair for the HELCOM Group on sustainable fisheries (Fish) for the two year period 2016-2018.

Agenda Item 2 Adoption of the Agenda

This Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared on the basis of the outcome of the FISH 4-2016 meeting.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 2-1.

Agenda Item 3 Matters arising from other HELCOM work of relevance for the Group

The Meeting is invited to take note of the outcomes of recent HELCOM meetings of relevance for Fish, including the [HELCOM explorer](#) to be presented by the Secretariat.

The Meeting is invited to consider a draft of the HELCOM Maritime Assessment, especially the Fisheries and Aquaculture chapters (document to be submitted at a later stage).

Agenda Item 4 Follow up of the draft HELCOM Recommendation on sustainable aquaculture

The Meeting is invited to take note of a list of nominated contacts of the HELCOM Fish Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG Aquaculture) (document to be submitted at a later stage) and select a lead country for the Correspondence Group. The Contracting Parties who have not yet nominated a contact for CG Aquaculture are invited to do so in advance of the Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the status of an application to the Nordic Council of Ministers on a project to support the task to provide a concise compilation of existing BAT and BEP techniques from CG ToR.

Agenda Item 5 Interactions between fisheries and marine ecosystems*Adjustment or utilization of EU data collection framework*

The Meeting is invited to take note that, based on consultations by HELCOM Fish and HOD, a letter with HELCOM recommendations for the EU Data Collection Framework (DCF) revision was sent to the EU Commission on 25 May 2016, opening a communication channel between HELCOM and the EU process.

The Meeting is invited to consider how to follow up the DCF revision letter including specifying further details based on HELCOM data needs, as well as identifying a best timing of and channels for such additional input.

Testing alternative fishing gears/fishing techniques

Poland is invited to present the questionnaire on alternative fishing gears or fishing techniques amended after FISH 4-2016 for the Meeting.

Denmark is invited to present information on an initiative to protect the harbour porpoise from fisheries in Danish waters.

Mitigating eutrophication effects by fish management

The Meeting is invited to consider further steps regarding the topic on mitigating eutrophication effects by fish management, as agreed by FISH 4-2016.

Seals-fisheries interactions

The incidental catch subgroup under the HELCOM Seal expert group is invited to present work undertaken on seals-fisheries interactions as invited by FISH 4-2016.

The Meeting is invited to consider the information and potential for any follow up activity including drafting of a HELCOM Recommendation on seals-fisheries interactions.

Fisheries and MSP

The Meeting is invited to share any information on Fish and Fishing in Maritime Spatial Planning (MSP).

Cooperation between fisheries/aquaculture and environmental organizations

The Meeting will be invited to take note of the outcome of the event “Sustainable Ocean Initiative Global Dialogue with Regional Seas Organizations and Regional Fisheries Bodies on Accelerating Progress Towards the Aichi Biodiversity Targets”, 26-29 September of 2016 in Seoul, South Korea.

The Secretariat will present the Meeting with a draft communication plan to facilitate information exchange between HELCOM, BALTFISH and aquaculture advisory council, including potential common topics and communication pathways (document to be submitted at a later stage).

The Meeting is invited to consider the plan and amend it as appropriate.

Ghost nets

Finland and Sweden are invited provide information on the ongoing work regarding ghost nets.

The Meeting is invited to consider the information and potential for drafting a HELCOM Recommendation on ghost nets.

Agenda Item 6 Recreational fisheries

A representative from BALTFISH is invited to present information on recreational fisheries activities under BALTFISH to the Meeting.

A representative from ICES Working Group on Recreational Fisheries Surveys is invited to provide information on existing data collection requirements for recreational fisheries to the Meeting.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the ICES advice to EU on recreational cod data needs for monitoring the recreational fisheries (document 6-1).

ICES is invited to present recent advice on the data needs for monitoring recreational cod fisheries.

The EU is invited to report on recreational fisheries as part of the EU DCF revision.

The Meeting is invited to consider the “measures” section of the HELCOM assessment on coastal fish under preparation by HELCOM FISH-PRO II as a basis for HELCOM measures in the field of recreational fisheries (document to be submitted at a later stage).

Agenda Item 7 Migratory fish species

The Meeting is invited to adopt the amended draft work plan of HELCOM task force on migratory fish species (Fish-M), as proposed by FISH-M 3-2016, and nominate intersessional leads for the focus topics.

The Meeting is invited to consider and endorse the amendments to the HELCOM Recommendation 32/33-1 ‘Conservation of Baltic salmon (*Salmo salar*) and sea trout (*Salmo trutta*) populations by the restoration of their river habitats and management of river fisheries’ proposed by the FISH-M 3-2016 meeting as a basis for further work in implementing the Recommendation.

Poland is invited to inform on any progress on the sturgeon rehabilitation project.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the ICES advice to EU on potential management measures for salmon in the Gulf of Finland (ICES Subdivision 32) (document 7-1).

The Meeting is invited to share other information on migratory species.

Agenda Item 8 Future work

The Meeting is invited to agree on the work plan of Fish for 2017-2019 based on a draft by the Secretariat (document to be submitted at a later stage).

The Meeting is invited to agree on the place and time of the next meeting of the Group.

Agenda Item 9 Any other business

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to present any other business of relevance for the HELCOM Fish Group.

Agenda Item 10 Outcome of the Meeting

The Meeting will be provided with draft Outcome of the Meeting for adoption. The final Outcome, incorporating corrections by the Meeting, will be prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair of the Meeting and made available on the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#).