

Dear members,

We wrote to members for contributions by Monday 29th October 2018

Please let us have any news by Friday 30th November 2018.

Congratulations to the BSAC member organisation Danish Recreational Fishermen on their recent celebration of 40 years of activity. They inform that they were established in 1987 at a time when recreational fishery was banned; today recreational fishing is one of the many acknowledged and respected recreational pastimes. They celebrated on 27th October with a reception in Ejby on the island of Fyn.

BSAC news and meetings

The Extraordinary General Assembly (and an Ex Com meeting) Tuesday 6th November 2018 Gdynia

The BSAC looks forward very much to the forthcoming Extraordinary General Assembly on Tuesday 6th November at the National Institute for Fisheries Research (MIR) in Gdynia. The major anticipated item for the agenda is the election of the new chair of the Executive Committee. Since May 2018, when the General Assembly was unable to reach a decision on the chair for the Executive Committee, Dr Steve Karnicki, honorary chair of the BSAC has been leading the work of the Executive Committee and giving full support and guidance to the Secretariat. The deadline for registration is now past.

Please will members kindly remember the request about the registering on the Commission's transparency register; all members are asked to do this in order to be eligible for reimbursement of travel and hotel expenses.

After the General Assembly meeting is an **Executive Committee meeting**, to be chaired by the new incoming chair.

Full information on these two meetings on the BSAC website:

[http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee-meeting-\(3\)](http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee-meeting-(3))

From the BSAC on Seals:

- **input to a planned workshop on seals, and**
- **a BSAC statement on illegal killing of seals**

The BSAC Executive Committee has been consulted on this work which came out of the recently held BSAC working group on ecosystem based management. Two documents on seals were the product of that working group and were then finalised by the Executive Committee.

Please find on the BSAC website the letter sent to BALTFISH and HELCOM, plus the two final and approved documents concerning seals:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/BSAC-outputs-on-seals>

A reply from HELCOM

HELCOM's Executive Secretary Monika Stankiewicz has acknowledged receipt of the BSAC letter and the attachments. They've been distributed to the following HELCOM working Groups:

HELCOM Fish Group (HELCOM Group on ecosystem-based sustainable fisheries)

HELCOM State and Conservation Group

HELCOM Seal Expert Group

As a reminder to all ExCom members: it's the Fish Group that the BSAC endeavours to send representatives to (as agreed by Ex Com). The next meeting of the HELCOM Fish Group will be on 30th and 31st January 2019, but we don't yet know where. Sweden is currently chairing the BALTFISH Presidency, but it's not sure whether the FISH meeting will be in Sweden.

The EU-Russia Joint Baltic Sea Fisheries Commission 26th to 27th September 2018 Moscow: BSAC reports

The BSAC Krsysztof Stanuch from the National Chamber of Fish Producers took part and representative wrote a comprehensive report from the meeting. The report was distributed to the ExCom members. It's attached [./](#).

After the BALTFISH Forum meeting Wednesday 5th September 2018 Stockholm: the proposal on T90 and BACOMA codends

The BSAC was invited to comment on a Joint Recommendation for modifying the T90 and BACOMA codends in the Baltic cod trawl fisheries. The Executive Committee was consulted. Please find on the BSAC website the reply that the BSAC acting chair Steve Karnicki sent to the BALTFISH Presidency about the T90 and BACOMA:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/Letter-from-the-BSAC-to-BALTFISH-Presidency-about>

From some of the other ACs

New Pelagic Advisory Council Executive Secretary

Anne-Marie Kats will be the new Pelagic AC Executive Secretary. She will succeed Verena Ohms, who has been the Executive Secretary for the past 6.5 years. Anne-Marie will start her new position on November 19, 2018. Her contact details will be:

- Email: a.kats@pelagic-ac.org
- Phone: +31 (0)6 2820 73 17

New location for the North Sea Advisory Council

The NSAC General Assembly met in Brussels on 29th October 2018 to agree on the future location of the NSAC offices. After consideration it was agreed the office will be based in Zoetermeer, Netherlands, in the same town and address as the Pelagic AC. Work will now start quickly to transfer the location. **The NSAC tender for secretariat and rapporteur** On 5th October 2018, the NSAC Executive Secretary informed that the NSAC will be relocating and she will leave on 30th November. They are offering the posts of secretariat and rapporteur on a temporary basis until the new location has been agreed. This does not have to be located in Aberdeen and applications are welcome from anywhere. We are asked to circulate this to anyone within our network who may be interested in this opportunity. The Invitation to Tender for the secretariat is to be advertised initially for the period 19th Nov 2018 – 31st January 2019, with an option to extend this to 29th March if required. The ITT for a rapporteur will cover November 2018 – 29th March 2019. Deadline 26th October 2018. Both positions are advertised on the NSAC website; <http://nsrac.org/tenders-and-appointments/>

A change in the Secretariat on the North Western Waters Advisory Council

Conor Nolan, who's Executive Secretary of the NWWAC, will step down from that job at the end of this year and his replacement will be Michael Keatinge.

From the NWWAC – a reply from DG Mare on status of UK members in the NWWAC after Brexit (29th March 2019)

http://www.nwwac.org/fileupload/Correspondence/Year%2013/COM%20response_Letter_UK%20Membership_post%20March%202019_EN.pdf

Long Distance Advisory Council and Brexit Workshop 4th to 5th December 2018, Madrid

The LDAC will be hosting a Workshop on the impact of the post- "Brexit" on the functioning and role of the Advisory Councils. This event is a continuation of those meetings hosted by the NWWAC and PELAC in the course of the last months. The meeting has now been confirmed for **Tuesday 4th December from 9am to**

3pm in Madrid. Given the limited room availability and the need for allocating seats for all ACs that wish to participate, each AC is invited to nominate a maximum of 3 representatives (including both members of the Secretariats). We will do our best to allocate all possible representatives that are common members of different ACs. You are encouraged to confirm us your delegation before 31 October. In the meantime, you can find out more here:

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/External-events/LDAC-Workshop-on-the-impact-of-the-post-Brexit>

The BSAC isn't going officially this meeting. If any BSAC members want to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact the BSAC Secretariat. There's no BSAC funding for attending this meeting.

All the Advisory Council Secretariats met the Commission DG Mare at the annual Inter AC meeting on Tuesday 16th October 2018

From the BSAC were the acting chair, vice chair and the Secretariat. Please find attached the report from the Secretariat, checked and approved by the acting chair and the vice chair. **J.**

The Commission doesn't provide a report from this meeting. The Commission has sent the power points presented at the meeting to the Secretariat. These concern the:

- 2018 Annual Economic Report of the EU fishing fleets
- MARE communications strategy and
- Commission proposal for Horizon Europe: next EU Research programme 2012-2027

They're available upon request from the Secretariat.

BALTFISH/Member States news and meetings

From the current Swedish Presidency of BALTFISH

They have written to all to thank all those who participated in the Baltfish FORUM meeting in Stockholm on 5th of September for the constructive dialogue during the meeting. They have made available **Draft Minutes** from the FORUM on the 5th of September in Stockholm and the participant list in annex. The draft Minutes (and annex) will be approved at the next Forum meeting. They have sent to the Secretariat the **updated Baltfish Work Programme** (dated September) and the **draft agenda for the next Baltfish HLG** meeting on the 14th of October. **They're available upon request from the Secretariat.**

No dates announced for coming BALTFISH meetings. The BSAC Secretariat is keeping BALTFISH informed on plans for coming meetings, so as to coordinate.

Council/Commission/EU European Parliament / Control Agency news

From AGRIFISH Press statement, 15th October 2018: Outcome of the October Council setting TACs for the Baltic

**The statement of Commissioner Vella following the Agrifish council which dealt with fishing opportunities in the Baltic sea:
on fishing opportunities in the Baltic Sea for 2019**

Today there was a real understanding around the table that we cannot be complacent. The Baltic ecosystem is a fragile one with pollution and ensuing eutrophication. And although some stocks are doing better than others, overfishing still exists and the biomass of some stocks is still not at a healthy level.

Therefore, there was broad recognition that our decisions for 2019 need to be ambitious and responsible, in line with the objective to reach maximum sustainable yield (or MSY) levels by 2020 at the latest.

I am therefore happy to say that for 7 stocks out of 8 for which scientists provided an MSY-advice, we have fixed total allowable catches at sustainable levels.

This means that in 2019 over 98% of estimated landings in the Baltic Sea will come from sustainable fisheries..." read more at:

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/agrifish-press-statement-15-october-2019_en

The BSAC table showing the final decisions against the ICES advice, BSAC recommendations and Commission proposal: please find it on the BSAC website under the heading “News”

<http://www.bsac.dk/>

The 2018 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet shows record-peak levels in economic performance of the EU fishing fleet in 2016 and closely links this achievement to the use of sustainable fishing methods.

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/record-high-profits-eu-fleet-shows-economic-benefits-sustainable-fishing-methods_fr

The EFCA Advisory Board meeting 9th October 2018 Vigo

The report from the meeting from the Honorary chair has already been sent to the BSAC Executive Committee. It's attached here [.1](#). An EFCA report will follow in the fullness of time.

And a reminder to you that from March 2019, the BSAC will also be representing all the ACs at the EFCA Administrative Board meeting. With 10 ACs now in operation, it's been suggested that more than one AC should be taking part at each meeting, but no decision has been taken on this. **Power Point presentations** made during the meeting on the Advisory Board meeting on 9 October 2018 are available. **Please contact BSAC Secretariat if you want them.**

New EFCA Call for Expression of Interest has been published in the Official Journal S 204 on 23/10/2018 and it is open for applications in the EFCA website:

<https://www.efca.europa.eu/en/content/efcacei201801>

In the framework of the assistance in the development of projects with Member States and the European Commission, EFCA will need specific external expertise in areas such as analysis of fisheries data, risk assessment, and compliance evaluation. Natural persons interested are invited to submit an application in accordance with the rules set out in the notice for the purpose specified. EFCA will draw up a list of experts who meet the criteria which will be valid until 22/10/2023.

Deadline for applications:

Saturday, 22 July, 2023

Administrative Board meeting of EFCA 10th April 2019

BSAC takes over 2nd March 2019 as representative for all the ACs.

From EFCA (EU Control Agency): calling for expertise

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European Parliament:

The next PECH Committee meeting will take place on:

Wednesday 21 November 2018 from 14.30-18.30 and Thursday 22 November 2018 from 9.00-12.30.

Check here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/PECH/home.html>

The Pêche Committee meeting 9th to 10th October 2018: Focus on the Landing obligation

At this meeting the proposal for a multiannual management plan for the North Western Waters was voted on and sent to the EP Plenary meeting for vote. Then Landing Obligation:

Mr Jean PORCHER, Breton shipowner: President (CEO) of “Armement Porcher”: He took 2 and a half minutes to explain the negative experience so far with the Landing Obligation. With 17 boats, 240 staff, he explained that there’s not enough room on the vessels for the fish under MCRS that has to be brought ashore

Dr Lisa BORGES, Scientist in the DiscardLess project: explained that the EU Discard Plans were part of regionalisation They’ve been doing research: into survival and economic and ecosystem modelling. There are no at sea monitoring programmes in Europe. The change in practices has, she informed, been imperceptible. There has been insufficient monitoring in control: there’s a need to adopt effective monitoring and control at sea and she called for better data on discards. The last stakeholder workshop of the project will be **on 30th and 31st January 2019.**

Ms Heather HAMILTON, Fisheries lawyer at ClientEarth: She had a lot to say and went through all through the specificities of the legislation on the LO, what’s been achieved and what remains. Gaps remain in monitoring and control. There’s a need to look at the LO and the exemptions. Evidence has been lacking and it’s been reflected in the reports from the STECF. Member States need to ensure that any future requests are supported by legally required evidence; STECF needs procedures to update on existing exemptions, and a clearer position needed towards the regional groups: they need to explain the planned approach to exemptions. Proper recording of discards is important, in order to get a better assessment of the stocks etc. Then on the choke species this is a key challenge, and gradual implementation of LO would have been helpful. But it’s taken too long. On selectivity there’s a need to see implementation out at sea. There’s been a deterioration in discard data, there’s a risk of non-compliance and a need for reporting from the MS. On quota swapping: it’s good to hear a lot being done at MS level

Ms Elisa ROLLER, European Commission - DG MARE, Head of Unit CFP and Structural Support - Policy Department and Coordination: Progress is being made in terms of coverage of species under the LO. They’ve tried to take into account what full implementation of the LO will mean for fishing opportunities. Under the MAPS the hope is to use the ranges to help to facilitate implementation of the LO. The way forward: need more collective work, improve data situation on discards, how to address potential choke situations (and here work in regional groups, under the ACs referred to), make wider use of tools available under the CFP: Article 15, quota swaps, better investment in selectivity, better enforcement and control. Make use of the range of options under the EMFF. We need to give this time, We have made some progress, Control isn’t an end in itself, We are seeing improvements, Let’s come back a year from now

Alain Cadec chair of the Pêche Committee concluded that he had voted against the LO, he fears there will be lot of trouble to get it to work from 1st January 2019. Do we all know what we’re talking about? There’s going to be very stormy weather ahead. And he deplored the fact that this hearing wasn’t well attended

European Parliament votes for ban on single-use plastic

The European Parliament on Wednesday approved measures that could lead to a ban on single-use plastic items, including straws, cotton swabs and disposable plastic plates and cutlery, by 2021.

https://www.dw.com/en/european-parliament-votes-for-ban-on-single-use-plastic/a-46016607?fbclid=IwAR2xAghUXURapPYYw6Vle1BOA_BMwAEP9j2wb5yC9Jges6a327C3iRvmuMA

A BONUS project about Baltic marine monitoring: questionnaire

The Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Aquatic Sciences and Assessment and the Finnish Environment Institute, SYKE have written to inform about FUMARI, an EU BONUS project coordinated by the Finnish Environment Institute SYKE. It aims at supporting novel monitoring methods of the Baltic Sea marine environment. Please find more information in the attachment. ./.

They are using a survey to collate input from stakeholders. The survey is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5DW3KNY>

And the questions in the survey are here:

1. Your name and affiliation
2. Please list the five most critical gaps of the current Baltic marine monitoring programmes with regard to legal requirements. Please list your answers in order of relevance (1=highest).

3. Please state, which (if any) novel methods could enhance the Baltic marine monitoring. Please also indicate if you think that this method would improve coverage (e.g. spatial, or in terms of covering important organism groups), cost effectiveness, or reliability.
4. Do you think any novel monitoring method could replace an existing one in the near future (1 to 5 years)? If yes, which?
5. Would you be interested in joining a one-hour web-meeting on November 20, 2018 to further contribute with your ideas? Yes/no

They want a reply before Monday 5th November 2018.

If Ex Com members want the BSAC Secretariat to provide answers to this questionnaire as a BSAC response, then please let me know (with input) by Wednesday 31st October 2018.

If not, I assume that Ex Com members will reply direct to the questionnaire representing their own organisations. You can contact:

Maria Kahlert Docent (Associate Professor) Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences Maria.Kahlert@slu.se

Commission is recruiting fisheries experts

DG Maritime Affairs and Fisheries is organising a selection procedure with a view to recruiting temporary agents at AD8 level to work in the field of a) fisheries science and management and b) fisheries control and inspection.

Expect it to be published in November 2018

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/commission-recruits-fisheries-experts_en

<https://epso.europa.eu/>

There's a fitness check of the Water Framework Directive

https://ec.europa.eu/info/law/better-regulation/initiatives/ares-2017-5128184_en

Public consultation period 17.09.2018 - 04.03.2019. Any interest, BSAC members?

News from the EUMOFA's *Monthly Highlights N°8 – 2018*

<http://eumofa.eu/documents/20178/131001/MH+8+2018.pdf>

Other meetings and news

To close or not to close: the ICES meeting and its report on closed areas: WKCONGA 14th -15th August 2018

The report of the Workshop to evaluate the effect of CONservation measures on Eastern Baltic cod (GAdus morhua) (WKCONGA) is now available from ICES

Please find attached the executive summary. . Please contact ICES for the full report

The Maximum Sustainable Yield symposium organised under the auspices of the Nordic Marine Think Tank – brought together a lot of very clever people 10th – 11th October 2018 Copenhagen

Regret was expressed by the organisers that there was no one present from the NGO/Env world to make a presentation or speak on the panel

Report Attached .

Find all the presentations made at this conference are here:

<https://www.fmsyproject.net/october-18/>

The EU Fishmeal conference on forage fish, marine mammals and optimal fisheries yield 11th October 2018 Copenhagen

Presentations and discussions on recent findings of changes in fish stock productivity and food webs from an ecosystem and management perspective. During the conference scientists from University of British Columbia, Institute of Marine Research Norway, DTU Aqua, ICES and others presented and discussed the most recent studies on changes in optimal fisheries yields in a changing ecosystem and the impact of marine mammals on the fish stocks. BSAC report attached [./](#).

And more available here:

<http://www.eufishmeal.org/conference2018/>

The ICES/MIRAC/MIACO meetings 17th -18th January 2019

The 2019 Meeting between ICES, the Advisory Councils and other Observers (MIACO 2019) will take place on Thursday 17th (13:00 start)–Friday 18th January 2019 (13:00 finish) at the ICES Secretariat in Copenhagen, Denmark. BSAC is asked for agenda items. Please inform first the BSAC Secretariat if you have anything. The draft Agenda will be available by early January 2019.

Notice of this invitation has also been placed on the ICES Advice Activities SharePoint site:

https://community.ices.dk/Advice/advice_activities/default.aspx

The BSAC will take a decision on BSAC representation once a new Executive Committee chair is in place.

The Pelagic AC will be coordinating the MIRAC meeting – the meeting of ICES with the ACs.

DiscardLess: final 30th and 31st January 2019 Copenhagen DTU Aqua

Clara Ulrich, project coordinator, has sent an invitation to the BSAC to participate in the closing conference of DiscardLess in January 2019. She would like over the next weeks an indication of who would be likely to attend; and whether people would participate with their own funding or if DiscardLess support for travel expenses would be appreciated. They have some limited funding for inviting stakeholders, but she needs to know quickly if people would potentially need it, so she can establish a priority list.

Please see on the BSAC website:

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/External-events/Discardless-Final-meeting-of-project>

We will coordinate BSAC participation with the new Executive Committee chair. Those interested as asked to write to the Secretariat by 31st October 2018.

NB more Discardless and a presentation made at the DTU Aqua Coffee Club:

Clara Ulrich made a presentation of the work done so far by DiscardLess. Find it here [./](#).

The HELCOM Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach (GEAR 19-2018) will take place in, Copenhagen, 7-8 November 2018

The Second Meeting of the HELCOM Fish Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG AQUACULTURE 2-2018) will be held in Berlin, Germany, at the Federal Ministry for the Environment, on **7-8 November 2018**. The Meeting will start on **Wednesday 7 November at 12:00** and is expected to end on **Thursday 8 November 2018 at 14:00**.

MARELITT Baltic Final Conference 20th to 21st March 2019 Stockholm

The event will be hosted by the Swedish partner Keep Sweden Tidy. 20-21st of March 2019 in Stockholm City, Sweden. More information and registration will soon be available. Don't forget to save the date!

Other information/reading

The Fisheries Secretariat: Research points toward solution for skinny cod, 8th October 2018

During the summer the first of three trials conducted by the Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and local fishermen from southern Sweden was concluded. The aim of the project is to improve the profitability of coastal fishing on wild cod. At present, the condition of Eastern Baltic cod is poor for a number of reasons including their small and skinny size which makes them unsuitable for the market.

<https://www.fishsec.org/2018/10/08/research-points-toward-solution-for-skinny-cod/>

The Fisheries Secretariat: Transparency and sustainability key for new BALTFISH presidency, 24th September 2018

Transparency and sustainability are the keywords of the Swedish presidency at BALTFISH, as explained by representatives from Swedish ministry at the BALTFISH Forum meeting with representatives from the fishing sector and NGOs in Stockholm on September 5th. Another word emphasised was: cooperation.

<https://www.fishsec.org/2018/09/24/transparency-and-sustainability-key-for-new-baltfish-presidency/>

Report from "Rigsrevision" the Danish national audit authority's examination of the Danish administration of some of the schemes under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund

The Fisheries Secretariat, Lindsay Keenan has requested the inclusion of this. Rigsrevisionen has examined the implementation in Denmark of the EMFF programme.

The 59 page report can be found in Danish at:

<http://www.rigsrevisionen.dk/nyheder/2018/oktober/beretninger-til-statsrevisorerne/>.

In English: the first chapter of the report (Introduction and conclusion) is here:

<http://uk.rigsrevisionen.dk/publications/2018/12018/>

Low Impact Fishers of Europe: hearing in the European Parliament on the state of play of the landing obligation. (10th October 2018)

"Calm before the storm" by the Deputy Director Brian O'Riordan: a reflection on the implementation of the Landing Obligation and its unsolved issues impacting the small-scale fleet and wider fisheries sector.

<http://lifeplatform.eu/landing-obligation-state-of-play-in-the-ep/>

Low Impact Fishers of Europe the link to the latest newsletter of LIFE.

<http://lifeplatform.eu/news-from-the-deck-september-2018/>

Coalition Clean Baltic 16th October 2018

EU Ministers fail to help the Baltic cod but helped the salmon

<https://ccb.se/2018/10/eu-ministers-fail-to-help-the-baltic-cod-but-helped-the-salmon/>

Baltic Sea 2020

Dark day for the Baltic cod.

<http://balticsea2020.org/english/press-room/447-a-dark-day-for-the-baltic-cod>

<http://balticsea2020.org/english/press-room/446-fisheries-brief-no-10-eu-s-fisheries-policy-spectacle-damages-cod>

"Living coast": Baltic Sea 2020 on a large scale restoration

the Swedish newspaper Svenska Dagbladet published a story on the foundation's large scale restoration project Living coast! Svenska Dagbladet's reporters met up with Living coast's project managers Emil Rydin and Linda Kumblad when they collected water samples in the bay in order to hear more about the work and how the experiences from the project will contribute to a healthier Baltic Sea.

<http://balticsea2020.org/english/press-room/445-living-coast-in-svenska-dagbladet>

European Anglers Alliance 18th October 2018

Baltic Sea – EU ministers increase anglers' cod bag limit from 5 to 7 next year

They don't just write about the increase in the bag limit, just see here:

<https://www.eaa-europe.org/news/12961/baltic-sea-eu-ministers-increase-anglers-cod-bag-limit-from-5-to-7-next-year.html>

The Swedish Fishermen PO informs about subsidiarity and better regulation in the EU 30th October 2018

Better Regulation: Commission sets out way forward to strengthen subsidiarity and proportionality in EU policy-making

<https://www.sfpo.se/nyheter/better-regulation--commission-sets-out-way-forward-to-strengthen-subsidiarity-and-proportionality-in-eu-policy-making?category=news>

The leader from the organisation's President Peter Olsson: he expresses concern (in Swedish) about the education material disseminated in Finland and Sweden by the Organisation Baltic Sea 2020 concerning commercial fishery and the cod stocks in the Baltic. The problems facing Baltic cod are, he states, environmental. Front page of the website of the SFPO:

<https://www.sfpo.se/>

From Nick Turner, tve Television for the Environment

My name is Nick Turner, and I'm writing from TVE (Television for the Environment), a non-profit documentary film production company based in London.

As an organisation that brings people into contact with the sea and promotes ocean protection, I am writing to let you know about a series of 6 short documentary films (between 4 and 6 minutes,

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLQaRHdf2ZPyH5bsMiJF-zNAIJuGNTr_u4) that we have produced as part of an EU project called ResponSEable.

The videos are designed to help inform the public about key ocean health issues and how we as consumers can adopt ocean-friendly behaviours. They are free to watch online, and we would be eager to engage with you further to determine how effective they are at informing your viewers and inspiring sustainable behaviour change.

We would be very grateful if you could share the links with your networks and contacts who you feel might be interested in these films, especially the one related to eutrophication. We are also more than happy if you wish to embed the film in your website and can provide the code to do this if required.

If you were interested in showing the films in your organisation then we are more than happy to provide full broadcast quality films if you were interested.

ResponSEable.eu is a 16-partner European-wide research and communications project to increase awareness and understanding of ocean-health issues. We aim to inspire Europeans to take a closer interest in their oceans and to treat them with greater respect. ResponSEable is collecting leading European marine research and local knowledge to further our understanding of human-ocean relationships and how to protect marine ecosystems and the varied economic benefits that we derive from our seas.

Europêche comments on the outcome of the Fisheries Council, 16th October 2018

<http://europeche.chil.me/post/233785/eu-lacks-ambition-in-setting-fishing-quotas-for-the-baltic-sea>

EUROPECHE / ETF, an event on 7th November 2018: The Pillars of the Sea: Joint Action of the European Social Partners in the Fishing Sector.

Recommendations to improve fisher's health and safety at work, hosted by Ricardo Serrão Santos, MEP. The event will take place at the European Parliament in the Member's salon, ASP floor 0, between 18:00 and 20:00 on 7 November 2018. The project as a whole, consists in partially implementing the work programme of the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for Sea Fishing in order to significantly make progress in various key areas of interest for Social Partners. The main issues covered by the project are mainly dealing with how to improve health, working conditions and safety at sea of our fishermen. Consequently, the European Social Partners have produced three different studies with the aim to contribute to ameliorate EU legislation regarding training, safety, accommodation, business efficiency and free movement of workers which will ultimately offer to our fishermen a healthier working environment, better skills and decent work. The selected experts will briefly present on the 7th of November their studies which correspond to the three following pillars of the project. The selected experts will briefly present on the 7th of November their studies which correspond to the three following pillars of the project.

Pillar 1: Constitutes the aim to implement the STCW-F Convention in the EU through a Social Partners' Agreement, as the lack of a common standard for the training and certification of fishers in the EU is a safety risk.

Pillar 2: Contains an analysis of the EU rule limiting increase in fishing capacity by imposing ceilings on gross tonnage and propulsion power. The outputs are a paper on the impact of the ceiling on working and living conditions and fishing vessel safety and productivity of the enterprises, as well as proposals and recommendations for possible solutions.

Pillar 3: Consist of a survey on the legislation in force in the EU regarding deck machinery. The results are recommendations for possible standardization of the rules in terms of commercialization, installation and safe use on board of fishing vessels.

For more information: contact europeche@europeche.org

Article from Der Spiegel (date unknown)

<http://www.spiegel.de/wissenschaft/natur/fischerei-trotz-eu-verbots-landet-beifang-offenbar-weiter-im-meer-a-1234393.html>

The article refers to latest data from ICES on discard figures. It also refers to development of gear that is successfully allowing flatfish to escape and 80% survive. There's also a suggestion by a German scientist for about MSC to have an extra label on its label to guarantee that the fish is caught in a fishery that doesn't have discards.

JydskeVestkysten about the outcome of the Council 16th October 2018

It's in Danish, it addresses the decision to set a TAC in 2019 for the western Baltic spring spawning herring. A DTU Aqua scientist is quoted as saying that the herring stock in the Baltic isn't directly threatened, even though the EU allows a fishery in 2019. The stock will not collapse; it will take a few more years for the stock to reach the desired level:

<https://www.jv.dk/business/Biolog-Fiskekvoter-udskyder-baeredygtigt-fiskeri-flere-aar/artikel/2653521>

Our Fish: Illegal Baltic cod discards are wasting fisheries, communities and the environment:

<http://our.fish/wp-content/uploads/2018/10/Our-Fish-Report-Illegal-Baltic-cod-discards.pdf>

Swedish Water Board 19th October 2018

Trying out drones in work to identify illegal fishing for eel in the Baltic around the southern coast of Sweden

Report is in Swedish, but it says the trials began in September this year and they report that they can already see that the use of drones gives the control authorities improved possibilities in the control work – first of all in the way that drones enable them to cover a wider area. From a height of 120 metres the drones can reveal if there is fishing gear in the water, then can go down closer to have a closer look and see if it's legal or illegal gear. No mention in this press release of any recordings of illegal activities during this period.

<http://www.mynewsdesk.com/se/havochvatten/pressreleases/hav-s-foersoek-med-droenare-i-gaang-ger-oss-nya-moejligheter-upptaeka-olagligt-aalfiske-2771239>

New York Times reporting on plastics found in the human gut 22nd October 2018

And it's not just the fault of the fish

The report quotes on researcher as saying that most participants in the research drank liquids from plastic bottles, but also fish and seafood ingestion was common. It is highly likely that food is being contaminated with plastics during various steps of food processing or as a result of packaging. See here:

https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/22/health/microplastics-human-stool.html?smid=fb-nytimes&smtyp=cur&fbclid=IwAR1IysBn7v0YFN9q6kdw_o2JsxpMOWZvRC2FXINaJqdE3Kz0YTYT7ZkikK8

Sustainable Fisheries, October 22nd 2018

A better way to communicate fishery performance?

Ray Hillborn in a paper published the week before this news item, argues for a new kind of analysis to better inform policy-makers and the public on the performance of fisheries management. It's called a goldilocks plot. It is an approach that can be represented graphically (and comically) to show how much fish is not utilized due to suboptimal abundance and/or fishing pressure. See here:

<https://sustainablefisheries-uw.org/a-better-way-to-communicate-fishery-performance/>

And here's the link to the paper by Ray Hillborn

<https://academic.oup.com/icesjms/advance-article/doi/10.1093/icesjms/fsy138/5133277>

MSC has some comments on the true global footprint of fishing

<https://www.msc.org/media-centre/news-opinion/news/2018/10/23/more-in-depth-data-is-required-to-reveal-the-true-global-footprint-of-fishing>

it follows on from an earlier report on the 55% etc. (Last news)

MSC: work on certifying central herring and sprat has begun in Denmark, Estonia, Germany and Sweden

<https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/denmark-estonia-germany-sweden-baltic-herring-and-sprat/@@assessments>

The Danish Pelagic PO are tweeting about this:

<http://www.dppo.dk/>

MSC certification is still not available for all fishermen? This is in Danish.

The Association for Low Impact Coastal Fishery writes about this 30th October 2018 and asks that question. They refer to a press release on the website of the Danish Fishermen PO from 28th October which reports that the DFPO is on the way to achieving MSSC labelling for all Danish fishermen.

<http://fiskeriforening.dk/pressemeddelse-danmarks-fiskeriforening-paa-vej-med-baeredygtigheds certificering-for-alle-danske-fiskere/>

The Association for Low Impact Coastal Fishery is here:

<http://skaansomtkystfiskeri.dk/msc-certificering-er-stadigvaek-ikke-for-alle-fiskere/>

Inclusion of ecosystem info in US fish stock assessments

The appetite for ecosystem-based fisheries management (EBFM) approaches has grown, but the perception persists that implementation is slow. This research synthesizes progress toward implementing EBFM in the United States through one potential avenue: expanding fish stock assessments to include ecosystem considerations and interactions between species, fleets, and sectors. This article was flagged by ICES ACOM chair Mark Dickey Collas.

<https://academic.oup.com/icesjms/advance-article/doi/10.1093/icesjms/fsy152/5144591>

The World Wildlife Fund Living Planet Report, published every two years, aims to assess the state of the world's wildlife.

Read about it from the BBC news Tuesday 30th October 2018.

<https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-46028862>

See on fisheries in the WFF report on page 30 onwards:

http://wwf.panda.org/knowledge_hub/all_publications/living_planet_report_2018/

The Baltic Herring and the dioxin challenge 1st October 2018

A new paper “**Food security and safety in fisheries governance – A case study on Baltic herring**” uses a participatory backcasting exercise to define a desirable future vision for the use of Baltic herring catch and to develop pathways of actor-specific governance actions to increase the use of the fish as a safe-to-eat food. Read more on the website of the Marine Ingredients:

<http://maring.org/news/the-baltic-herring-and-the-dioxine-challenge/>

The Clean Nordic Oceans network

The annual Norwegian retrieval survey for lost fishing gear along the Norwegian coast was ended 24.september. It was a success, despite a lot of strong wind.

This year, as earlier years, dumped fishing gear was found.

“In a time when marine litter have an ever-increasing focus, it is disappointing to find wire and danish seine rope from larger vessels which are recently dumped. This may not be the greatest danger in regard to ghost fishing, but it poses a significant danger to long line and gillnets. This is untenable and should belong to the past,” said survey leader Gjermund Langedal.

Link: <http://cnogear.org/news/english/the-annual-norwegian-retrieval-survey-is-finished>

The Clean Nordic Oceans network

Marine litter in the North Sea to be mapped – A new research project lead by DTU Aqua is going to find out how marine litter floating in the water column of the North Sea is distributed and what type it is

Link to the article:

<http://www.cnogear.org/news/english/marine-litter-in-the-north-sea-to-be-mapped> (in English)

<http://www.cnogear.org/news/nordiske-sprak/affald-i-nordsøen-skal-kortlægges> (in Danish)