

Here we are again with some Baltic news. Please let us have any news before end of November 2021 if you want it to be included in the next edition. Thanks to the member for contributing.

BSAC news and meetings

HIGHLIGHTS - FOCUS on Outcome from the October Fisheries Council 11th - 12th October 2021

The BSAC summarised all the figures in a table. It shows the advice, BSAC recommendations, Commission proposals and final outcome here (subject to absolute final appearance of the Regulation:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

AND HERE'S THE REGULATION 2021/1888 of 27 October 2021 for 2022

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/1888/oj>

We understand that there were some Member State/ Commission joint statements on concern about the western Baltic herring; to not use inter-annual flexibility for the cod, western Baltic herring and Main Basin salmon; to use quota exchanges for the cod; support for temporary cessation; to ask ICES for in-depth evaluation of the main Basin wild salmon river list; and on some voluntary transfers of unused Main Basin salmon quota. Mackerel is a class on its own.

From the European Commission:

Agreement reached on the Baltic 2022 fishing opportunities

https://ec.europa.eu/oceans-and-fisheries/news/baltic-sea-agreement-reached-2022-fishing-opportunities-2021-10-12_en

Press statement by the Commissioner Sinkjevičius:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/commissioners/2019-2024/sinkevicius/announcements/commissioner-sinkevicius-press-statement-after-agrifish-council-12-october-2021-luxembourg_en

Press release from several NGOs

Some Baltic Fish Still in Crisis as the EU Starts to Consider Ecosystem Impacts

Luxembourg, 12th October 2021: Following the EU AGRIFISH Council press conference today, NGOs expressed disappointment that Member State fisheries ministers again haggled all night to raise Baltic fishing limits for 2022 above the European Commission's proposal and against the clear scientific advice aimed at saving Baltic fish populations. However, NGOs also acknowledge that some progress was made towards considering ecosystem impacts of fishing.

[AGRIFISH: Some Baltic Fish Still in Crisis as the EU Starts to Consider Ecosystem Impacts | Coalition Clean Baltic \(ccb.se\)](https://www.agrifish.eu/2021/10/12/some-baltic-fish-still-in-crisis-as-the-eu-starts-to-consider-ecosystem-impacts)

The Fisheries Secretariat reported on the October Council

Their headline is that a fishing ban on cod is a reality after decades of mismanagement. They have comments on the decisions for all the stocks.

25th October 2021

<https://www.fishsec.org/2021/10/25/fishing-ban-on-all-baltic-sea-cod-reality-after-decades-of-mismanagement/>

It really was big news in Denmark

The Danish news from Fiskerforum included a viewpoint from the Danish Pelagic Producer Organisation Chairman

15th October 2021

Written after the dust had begun to settle. A hard Council meeting: the gloomy advice from ICES for cod, herring and salmon, giving ministers not much room for manoeuvre in trying to balance fisheries conservation with preserving jobs in the coastal communities. It refers to the increase in the TAC for sprat. Chairman of the Danish Pelagic PO Fridi Magnussen was reported to say that there are other species not doing well in a

changing environment and under pressure from pollution and lack of salt; he named stickleback as one species, where there was potential for a new and sustainable fishery.

In Danish:

https://fiskerforum.dk/raadsmoedet-om-oestersoeen-blev-mere-dramatisk-end-forventet/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fiskerforum_daglig_nyhedsopdatering&utm_term=2021-10-27

Fisheries swan song in the Baltic puts pressure on other waters – talking to the chairman of Bornholm and Christiansø Fisheries Organisation

The Danish news from Fiskerforum – on the Baltic TACs

14th October 2021

Thomas Thomsen, Chairman of the Fisheries Association of Bornholm and Christiansø calls the outcome a catastrophe – not only for the fishermen, but also for the local communities and harbours. About 30 vessels are now forced away from their normal fishing grounds in the Baltic, and this puts pressure on other Danish waters. The hope now is for financial help in the form of temporary cessation or scrapping.

https://fiskerforum.dk/fiskeriets-svanesang-i-oestersoeen-giver-traengsel-i-de-oevrige-farvande/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fiskerforum_daglig_nyhedsopdatering&utm_term=2021-10-27

13th October 2021

Danmarks Radio provided a map to highlight where Danish vessels have moved and dated 21st October 2021 in the afternoon – see all the boats up near northern Jutland.

https://www.dr.dk/nyheder/regionale/midtvest/dalende-kvoter-driver-fiskere-fra-bornholm-og-hanstholm-ud-paa-samme-vand?cid=newsletter_nb_nyhedsoplevelik-morgen_20211013071450

The Danish news service DR also reported on this issue

12th October

Quoting comments from the Managing Director of the Danish Fishermen PO Kenn Skau Fischer that the October fisheries agreement pulls the rug from under the Danish fishermen. It could mean that 100 vessels may have to give up fishing, with a knock-on effect on those ports which receive landing of cod from the Baltic.

<https://www.dr.dk/nyheder/indland/aftale-i-eu-reducerer-fiskernes-torskekvoter-voldsomt-i-danske-farvande>

Is it going to be a Baltic Sea without cod? Danish Radio Debate 13th October 2021

In the wake of the Fisheries Council and decisions, there has been a lot of media attention on TV, radio and the press. From Denmark here's a report from a special 45-minute debate – invited guests came from the Danish fisheries sector, Danish politician and an environmental NGO. Find it here:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

The Danish commercial TV news station TV 2 also reported – on the difficult negotiations and decisions

12th October 2021

Their headline refers to the stubborn Finns and Germans who took over the negotiations which were difficult and lasted through the night. Given the pressure on many of the Baltic stocks, significant reductions were anticipated. The Danish Minister Rasmus Prehn regretted the difficult negotiations. He pointed to the situation for salmon, where Finland found it hard to accept the proposal, and the proposal western Baltic herring which Germany was critical of.

<https://nyheder.tv2.dk/samfund/2021-10-12-staedige-finner-og-tyskere-forhaler-fiskeforhandling-i-eu>

The Danish ministry reported after the Council meeting and informed that the minister will discuss with the Danish political parties how fishermen can be helped through the situation. The minister will be presenting an action plan for a future sustainable Baltic fishery and it will include possibilities for scrapping, as well as sustainable fishing gears for the fishery.

12th October 2021

<https://fvm.dk/nyheder/nyhed/nyhed/kvoter-for-oestersoeen-paa-plads-i-eu-fiskeriminister-et-lille-plaster-paa-et-stort-saar/>

The Danish Fishermen PO call the agreement on the Baltic a “full-blown disaster”

14th October 2021

These are the words of the Chairman of the organisation Svend-Erik Andersen. Read what he says – and this one is in English:

<https://fiskeriforening.dk/presse/pressemeddelelser/historic-agreement-for-the-baltic-sea-is-a-full-blown-disaster/>

Germany probably reported as well.

Union of German Cutter Fishery Fischerblatt (number 9/2021) was going through the Commission’s proposal for Baltic stocks for 2022 and looking at the ICES advice for the two late stocks – western Baltic cod and salmon: ICES recommends drastic reduction in catches for western cod. The magazine comments that this, on top of the advised zero catch for western Baltic herring, will have consequences for the fishery, the sector and related activities in Meckleburg-Vorpommern, where there have already been some closures. Contact: Info@deutscher-fischerei-verband.de

The Coastal Newsletter Der Küsten EUCC-Germany carries a report on the Council outcome

12th October 2021

What the decisions mean for German fisheries and criticism by the Minister from Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, Till Backhaus, who had been expecting the Commission to make proposals in December and in the sense of an overall management of all fishing areas. He appealed to the Commission to protect the small-scale and artisanal fisheries. Furthermore, criticism of the cuts imposed in the Baltic, whereas fishing continues further north (i.e. herring, Skagerrak/Kattegat), so lacking a holistic approach; so the Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture was unable to approve the decisions as a whole. (In German – and further links to German press and German Ministry website):

<https://www.eucc-d.de/beitrag/ostsee-eu-rat-vereinbart-fangbeschraenkungen-fuer-2022.html>

By the way: The EUCC-Germany “Küsten Newsletter” (The Coastal Newsletter) gives an overview of current developments in coastal and marine research and management.

The Polish press: Polityka (weekly): Baltic without fisheries

Some people say that the Baltic is dying, some others that it is only changing. For fishermen it is an equally bad information.... (In Polish) [Bałtyk umiera. Coraz mniej ryb \(polityka.pl\)](http://Bałtyk.umiera.Coraz.mniej.ryb.polityka.pl)

More to read in Polish in the Wiadomości Rybackie [Wiadomości Rybackie \(mir.gdynia.pl\)](http://Wiadomości.Rybackie.mir.gdynia.pl)

It was probably also big news in Swedish, with comments in the press and so on

The Swedish industry reaction goes beyond the Baltic TACs - - from the President of the Swedish Fishermen PO

In his lead article on 14th October 2021 President of the Swedish Fishermen PO, Peter Ronelöv Olsson comments on the statements made by one political party in Sweden and states that the problem in the Baltic isn’t the fisheries, but more underlying factors

<https://www.sfpo.se/nyheter/det-ar-inte-fisket-som-ar-ostersjons-problem>

He goes on to express concerns for the future of European fisheries sector. He’s sent an open letter to the Members of the European Parliament Fisheries Committee. He’s worried that soon, there won’t be a professional EU fishery and no one producing fish and shellfish. The problems facing the Baltic are due to a lack of marine policy, and there’s an urgent need for measures to solve long standing and accumulated environmental issues, and those caused by agriculture. Then he goes on to refer to other challenges facing the sector: CCTV and CO2 emission charges, as well as developments out at sea in the form of wind parks.

18th October 2021

Heres’ the letter:

<https://www.sfpo.se/nyheter/sfpo-har-skrivit-ett-oppet-brev-till-europaparlamentets-fiskerikommitt-2?category&fbclid=IwAR0NpATojjQQ6KEDcB6EOLV7y7WNHVzC6mw6zdrpCIKJBcekUHqQ332kbH4>

Europêche on the Council decisions: Baltic fishermen in troubled waters

12th October 2021

After long hours of discussion in Luxembourg, EU Fisheries Ministers reached an agreement on the catch limits for 2022 for the ten main commercial stocks in the Baltic Sea. Despite the huge quota cuts in the last years for key species such as cod and herring in certain areas, the poor environmental status of the Baltic Sea, and not overfishing, is affecting the sustainability of these stocks. Nevertheless, Ministers decided to further reduce fishing opportunities for Western and Central herring as well as for Western cod. Peter Breckling Deutscher Fischerei Verband (a member of Europêche) welcomed the decision to increase TACs for plaice and sprat, which balances the socio-economic needs of the fishermen, but without enough fish, the fisheries infrastructure is threatened, for example two cooperatives in Germany have already closed down.

[Baltic fishermen in troubled waters \(chil.me\)](#)

Seafood Source gave the Council meeting attention

13th October 2021

It does some quoting from the Commission, which acknowledges that the agreement comes at a difficult time for the Baltic Sea, and it includes comments + reactions from NGOs. It also refers to the agreement on the BALTFISH joint recommendation for more selective fishing gear for flatfish, to enable an increase in the plaice total allowable catch (TAC) without putting the ailing cod stocks at risk.

<https://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/baltic-sea-fishing-quotas-agreed-for-2022-with-huge-cuts-in-the-cod-catch>

Recreational anglers report October 2021 – also on the October Council

Just what is the Recreational Fisheries Forum? It's supported by the EAA and the European Fishing Tackle Trade Association. It works to create a link with the European Parliament, serve as a forum for discussion, and give MEPs access to experts amongst the angling community. Its October news includes:

- In September, it hosted a webinar to look at impacts of climate change on recreational fisheries
- It's had a look at the German Baltic Sea anglers
- Reports and comments on the Council decisions for Baltic TACs 2022 - highlighting restrictions to recreational fishing, with a **bag limit of one cod per day, and for Baltic salmon a newly introduced bag limit for anglers** (one fin-clipped salmon per day). This was broadly what the anglers advised, since the stocks need to recover to sustainable levels, but anglers called for stronger measures to protect the stocks, such as the obligation to use selective gear to reduce by-catches of cod in commercial fisheries.
- A report on Europe's rivers with an analysis of river management plans that Member States have drafted

<https://mailchi.mp/f448491bf44c/blue-green-the-recfishing-forum-newsletter-october-7277354?e=ea03c6b680>

At their secretariat Julie Changivy julie@eaa-europe.eu

The Swedish Sports Fishermen have their own report - sports fishing for cod and salmon are more severely regulated

They report on the outcome for the sports fishing interests: no cod fishing in The Sound between 15th Jan and 31st March and a bag limit of one cod, plus the one salmon bag limit for trolling fishery. There's more detail, it's all in Swedish.

12th October 2021

<https://www.sportfiskarna.se/Om-oss/Aktuellt/ArticleID/12405/Sportfisket-efter-torsk-och-lax-regleras-h%C3%A5rdare>

And if you want it from the European Anglers Alliance, it's here

29th October 2021

They give reactions from three of the EAA members

<https://www.eaa-europe.org/news/16278/fisheries-ministers-set-the-2022-tacs-for-the-baltic-sea.html>

RECENT BSAC MEETINGS:

The recent General Assembly and ExCom and Working Group 22nd September 2021 - First meeting since COVID forced the BSAC into lockdown March 2020.

Since we reported on this in our September news, the approved, final reports and the presentations from these meetings are now on the website:

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-General-Assembly-and-Executive-Committee>

The BSAC-BALTFISH Technical meeting on the Joint Recommendation on technical measures for the flatfish fishery

Participants had the chance to ask questions and make comments to the BALTFISH draft on gear selectivity improvements to avoid cod and retain flatfish. Scientists from the Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries gave a presentation from their trials and development work with gears. They are not new to the BSAC: they referred to the meetings held by the BSAC in 2017 and 2020 to deal with technical measures and gear development. The Demersal WG Chair Teija Aho, chairing the Technical Meeting, gave the background and a short summary on BSAC discussions and input so far. She underlined that working together on technical aspects of fisheries management is a good example of regionalisation. The BALTFISH Presidency appreciated that the BSAC had been able to organise this meeting so swiftly. The report is on the website. We made a page dedicated to BALTFISH on our website for these reports and other shared-with-us documents:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BALTFISH>

Check out the presentation by Thünen at the website:

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-BALTFISH-Technical-meeting-on-technical-measu>

For the record, the Joint Recommendation is agreed by BALTFISH, and has been sent to the Commission. BSAC members are informed.

BSAC Management Team Meeting 25th October 2021

This was the first Management Team meeting after the BSAC elections: the ExCom Chair welcomed the new members of the MT. The new MT members gained more understanding of how the Management Team, operates. The Management Team discussed on how to prioritise the tasks on the BSAC work plan for 2021-2022 – the next MT meeting will return to this.

There are no BSAC meetings planned for now.....

PROJECTS

The H2020 project proposal SEAwise on ecosystem based fisheries management

Two BSAC members have signed up for the project. The BSAC is not taking part directly. A reminder of this project:

http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-General-Assembly-and-Executive-Committee/SEAwise_Introduction_BSAC_AR.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB

CIBBRiNA project on Development and Implementation of Best Practice in Bycatch Reduction in the North Atlantic Region

As the title says, this is a project on bycatch reduction. Incidental bycatch has been identified as one of the major threats to marine species worldwide. In recent years, there have been several developments demonstrating a need from an international perspective for coordinated effort to tackle this problem. The project development has been coordinated by the Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality of the Netherlands which will send the application for funding under the EU LIFE Programme. It should start in July 2022 if successful. BSAC has sent a letter of support. Contact:

Anne-Marie Svoboda, Department of Nature & Biodiversity, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality

A.M.Svoboda@minlnv.nl

CONSULTATIONS

Fisheries management measures in German NK2 sites - deadline to Germany 12th November 2021

The German administration, Federal Ministry of Food and Agriculture has sent a draft Joint Recommendation on fisheries management measures in Natura 2000 sites in the German EEZ in the Baltic Sea. It basically proposes exclusion of fisheries with mobile bottom contacting gears in 5 special areas of conservation. It contains:

- Information on the general principles to do with EU conservation requirements
- Information on the Natura 2000 sites in the German EEZ: what habitats are to be protected
- Background to the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and the environmental targets set
- International coordination and consultation of other Baltic Member States
- A two-step approach to the fisheries management measures:
 1. year-round exclusion of fisheries with mobile bottom-contacting gears in 5 areas
 2. measures to protect harbour porpoise
 - Information given on the fishing activities in the sites.
 - Revenues derived by fleets using mobile bottom contacting gear in the areas
 - Assessment of main conflicts between protected habitats and fishing - with maps on fishing activity pressure
 - Other human activities in the German EEZ – with a map
 - The precise details of the proposed measures + rationale in the 5 areas
 - A section on control and implementation
 - Evaluation of the appropriateness of the measures and estimation of potential displacement of fishing activities
 - A load of academic references

BSAC members have been asked to send comments/input.

BALTFISH/Member States news and meetings

The latest BALTFISH documents

To ensure transparency of BALTFISH Work, BALTFISH sent the following documents:

1. BALTFISH HLG minutes from 22nd June 2021
2. The workplan of BALTFISH Control expert group
3. ToR of the BALTFISH EMFF expert group

Please find them here on our BALTFISH page: <http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BALTFISH>

No news of coming meetings

BALTFISH has sent its Joint Recommendation on selectivity in the fisheries to avoid bycatch of cod. It's been sent to BSAC members for information.

Commission news and meetings

Mare October news fresh into our mailboxes:

29th October 2021

<https://ec.europa.eu/newsroom/mare/newsletter-archives/35273>

Call for applications for the selection of members of the SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (STECF)

DG MARE published the call for applications for the new Scientific Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF): Register of Commission expert groups and other similar entities (europa.eu) STECF

assists the Commission when preparing legislative proposals, delegated acts or policy initiatives in the area of fisheries, aquaculture and related matters. Candidates are invited to apply to this call **by 15th November** to the mailbox: MARE-STEFCF-APPLICATIONS-2021@ec.europa.eu. Additional information about this call for applications is available at: <https://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/news>

Future of the Seas – virtual conference on 17th December 2021

Thirteen years after the adoption of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive, this conference will aim to take stock of the Directive's successes, identify areas for improvement and exchange ideas on the future actions for clean and healthy European seas, in the context of the Directive's review.

Agenda and registration link will follow soon.

More Farm to Fork Policy – update on the work so far 14th and 15th October 2021

How is work going on the F2F policy under the Green Deal? This meeting was not designed to promote one sector over another, although agriculture got lots of mention. It was about taking stock, finding out what sustainable solutions and practices are coming about at EU level in terms of helping producers source and produce sustainably and within the limits set by the planet. The aquaculture sector took part – there were no questions asked to the representative. Here's a report:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

We spotted a comment from Marine Ingredients Managing Director Anne Mette Bæk that proteins from the sea are the most eco-friendly and the European marine ingredients industry can deliver.

For the Commission update of F2F and outcome news here:

https://ec.europa.eu/food/horizontal-topics/farm-fork-strategy/farm-fork-conference_en

Commission work on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive under DG Environment

Form the 25th Meeting of its Working Group on Good Environmental Status (WG GES 21-22.10.21) where they're going through with Member States the update work on Article 8 of the Directive: assessment of marine waters. Of interest to us was the update given on commercial fish species (Descriptor 3 under the MSFD) and seabed integrity (Descriptor 6). ICES has done a lot of work on this, and it was reported on in the meeting, with presentations from Commission and ICES. Please read the report:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

From DG Mare: Consultation of the Action Plan on Fisheries

26th October 2021

The European Commission has launched a targeted consultation to ask stakeholders for their involvement in shaping the upcoming **Action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems**. It was announced in the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030 and is planned for adoption in the spring 2022. Its goal is to exploit synergies between fisheries and environmental policies and help improve implementation. It will directly contribute to the European Green Deal, by making fisheries more sustainable and protecting marine ecosystems and their biodiversity. The action plan will also complement the recently adopted report on the implementation of the 2019 Technical Measures Regulation (TMR). The report provided a first insight on the state of implementation and effectiveness of the technical measures currently in place in EU fisheries. It showed the positive impact of the regionalized approach, which some Member States have already used to introduce additional fisheries measures to protect sensitive species and habitats at the national and regional level. However, it also found that further action and more decisive steps are needed to meet the goals of the EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.

Commission invites feedback on the different elements of the action plan, including information and evidence on the current state of the conservation of sensitive species and habitats and the availability and potential of innovative, more selective fishing gears and techniques, plus input and suggestions on actions that could improve the management, implementation and governance of the relevant fisheries and environmental legislation. **Deadline 20th December 2021**.

https://ec.europa.eu/oceans-and-fisheries/news/action-plan-conserve-fisheries-resources-and-protect-marine-ecosystems-your-opinion-counts_en

FARNET is holding a: Transnational FLAG Seminar on Resilient Coastal Communities 16th -18th November 2021

This is the 13th such seminar, it will focus on work done during 2014-2020 in FLAG areas.

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet2/news-events/events/transnational-seminars/resilient-coastal-communities-transnational-flag-seminar_it

Check out their October newsletter - it just hasn't been uploaded yet:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet2/news-events/news/farnet_en

And FARNET Autumn magazine - including pages on Baltic cooperation (page 22)

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet2/sites/default/files/publication/farnetmag_19_en_web_0.pdf

European Parliament news and meetings

PECH Committee held a hearing on Fishers for the Future 11th October 2021

It's not easy to attract young fishers into the sector, even though despite being one of the most dangerous professions, the number of injuries has fallen over recent years. Follow the link to the presentations made at the hearing. European Maritime Safety Agency + Europêche (about the risks and rules, training and safe practices), more on training and education; and North Sea fisherman Hendrik Kramer – practices and more especially challenges for the fishermen (just look at the maps showing current and planned activities in the North Sea – “what will be left for us?”:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/public-hearing-fishers-for-the-future-/product-details/20211004CHE09421>

PECH are promoting electronic technologies for fisheries

PECH have organised workshops on electronic technologies for fisheries: transmitted positional data systems, electronic monitoring systems and for small scale vessels. In connection with that, they've produced a couple of at-a-glance information, plus a fuller report for the small-scale fisheries. Policy recommendations include support for further development.

Part I: transmitted positional data systems:

<https://research4committees.blog/2021/10/13/workshop-on-electronic-technologies-for-fisheries-part-i-transmitted-positional-data-systems/>

Part II: electronic monitoring systems:

<https://research4committees.blog/2021/10/13/at-a-glance-electronic-technologies-for-fisheries-transmitted-positional-data-systems/>

Part III: systems adapted for small-scale vessels

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2021/690863/IPOL_STU\(2021\)690863_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2021/690863/IPOL_STU(2021)690863_EN.pdf)

The PECH Newsletter „Trawler – October 2021“ from the Secretariat of the Committee on Fisheries is now available on the PECH website:

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/241336/Trawler%20October%202021.pdf> There's news on the Arctic, on marine litter, EMFF implementation as well as Commission Mission to restore oceans and waters by 2030. It also reports on the outcome of the October Fisheries Council, which it states, balances socioeconomic needs of Baltic fishing communities with long-term sustainability of fish stocks in the region; based on sound scientific advice and reflects the Council's commitment to upholding CFP objectives and addressing environmental concerns. Then there's the Commission's first report on the technical measures regulation (see above) – the PECH newsletter is positive about the findings, and highlights that further action and steps are needed to reach the 2030 biodiversity goals. An Action Plan is awaited. There's a lot of international stuff coming up with 3rd country agreements and fisheries relations with China. Also on their agenda is gender inequality in fisheries. And note they're going to look at how the CFP works in practice - starting with implementation of Article 17 of the Basic Regulation on allocation of fishing opportunities. On their workplan is The state of play in the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and future perspectives with MEP Gabriel Mato as rapporteur - nothing planned for that yet.

PECH Committee 27th and 28th October 2021

In the attached we pick out three relevant subjects: impacts of COVID 19 on fisheries and aquaculture, implementation of Article 17 of the CFP and Gender equality in fisheries. See here:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

<https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/241336/Trawler%20October%202021.pdf>

The next meetings of the PECH Committee are on:

11th November 2021 13:45 - 15:45

29th November 2021 16:45 - 18:45

30th November 2021 09:00 - 12:00 & 13:45 - 15:45

News from other ACs

Inter-AC Secretariats call is planned on 4th November 14:00-16:00 CET.

Following items are going to be discussed:

- possibilities for structuring future joint-AC work/meetings on horizontal issues
- possibilities for streamlining/fast tracking ExCom procedures (when dealing with urgent topics of joint interest)
- Commission communication and attendance at AC meetings
- exchange of views inter-AC meeting on Finances (26th November)
- developments Specialised Fisheries Committee UK

Commission will have a more technical meeting with the AC Secretariats on 26th November

The next meeting of Advisory Councils with the Commission will be on 19th January 2022 (tbc)

EFCA Control Agency news and meetings

European Fisheries Control Agency Advisory Board meeting 8th October 2021

Administrative Board meeting 14th October 2021

Waiting to hear what they talked about.

EFCA adopts its Work Programme for 2022 with additional resources and elects its Deputy Chair

14th October 2021

The Administrative Board adopted the Single Programming Document (SPD), which contains the Multiannual work programme 2022- 2026 and the EFCA's work programme for year 2022, and elected its Deputy Chair, Mr Yiannos Kyriacou, during its 37th meeting, which was held online for the fourth time.

This document provides a wide-ranging overview of the objectives and activities of the EFCA for next year and on that basis, the allocation of resources granted by the European Union to the agency. The activities planned by the Agency span from the operational coordination of fisheries control across the EU, to tasks relating to the international obligations of the Union, from the assistance to Member States to improve the culture of compliance with the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), to the European Cooperation on Coast Guard function.

EFCA's work also supports the EU in the international dimension of the Common Fisheries Policy, ensuring the compliance to the international provisions, the assistance to the implementation of the Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Regulation and the direct cooperation with third countries, when requested.

<https://www.efca.europa.eu/en/content/pressroom/efca-adopts-its-work-programme-2022-additional-resources-and-elects-its-deputy>

ICES and science

The ICES meetings for January 2022 (MIAC and MIACO)

The dedicated meeting between ICES and the Advisory Councils will be 13th January 2022. Again, BSAC members are asked to inform if there's something important for the Baltic. By 8th November 2021.

Then there's the meeting of ICES with all stakeholders – MIACO 14th January 2022

ICES has sent a link to register to MIACO 2022:

<https://forms.office.com/r/rQHLvYWdEH>

Monitoring chemical pollution

18th October 2021

ICES releases viewpoint on the assessment of the biological effects of chemical pollution. It's a four-page ICES viewpoint. ICES advises to adopt the approach of biological effects methods for monitoring within the integrated chemical biological monitoring and assessment framework as an absolute prerequisite for the provision of a holistic assessment of the impacts of pollution on marine ecosystems. ICES also recommends several measures for the effective implementation of field-based biological effects methods. It gives an example in the Baltic Sea, where significant population decrease in the grey seal (*Halichoerus grypus*) in the 1980s was partly caused by reproductive failure associated with the accumulation of POPs.

Monitoring chemical pollution (ices.dk)

Other meetings and news of activities

ASCOBANS and small cetaceans: 17th meeting of its Jastarnia Group May 2021

Report here:

https://www.ascobans.org/sites/default/files/document/ascobans_jg17_report.pdf

One thing discussed by the Group was concern expressed by some Baltic Members about possible interference between pingers and military underwater acoustic activities. ASCOBANS has sent a letter to all Baltic Proper Range State defence, environment, and fisheries ministries, and their national navies, to ask navies or their research institutes to closely investigate this and provide evidence of any interference, before any final decisions are taken that may negatively impact the survival of the Baltic Proper harbour porpoise.

Contact: ascobans.secretariat@ascobans.org

Next meeting of the JG18 will be **from 28th to 30th March 2022 Gothenburg**

An FAO-EUROFISH online event on sustainable seafood value chains 3rd November 2021

The Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) in collaboration with the International Organisation for the Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture in Europe (EUROFISH) is organising an online seminar:

“Realising the potential of Geographical Indications to advance sustainable seafood value chains”.

Date: 3rd November 2021

Time: 8.30-16.00 CET

Languages: English/Spanish/French

Admission: Free

A **geographical indication (GI)** is a sign used on goods that possess characteristics or a reputation that are due to their specific geographical origin. The specific quality involved is the result of local natural or human factors such as soil, climate, local know-how and traditions. **GIs represent a voluntary collective marketing tool** that can be used to protect the product from counterfeiting and to ensure product promotion.

Here's the link to get more information **to register:** <http://eurofish.dk/GI-webinar/>

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Marine Stewardship Council Denmark Annual meeting 4th November 2021

Meeting from 10.00 – 16.00 at the Danish Food and Agriculture Council. They invite all working with fish and fisheries to take part in their annual meeting – fishers, traders, processors, hotel and catering, researchers and NGOs etc. if you want to take part contact Morten Frstrup, Commercial Manager, Denmark, Marine Stewardship Council. Email: Morten.Frstrup@msc.org

A Webinar on Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) in the Baltic Sea Region – HELCOM 23rd November 2021 9.00 – 16.45 CET

This is hosted by HELCOM Secretariat, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature World Commission on Protected Areas (IUCN WCPA). The webinar represents the first of a two-part process, which will culminate in the HELCOM/FAO/IUCN-WCPA Regional Workshop on OECM, taking place on 1-3 February 2022, in the form of a physical meeting in

Helsinki, Finland. The webinar will be online (via Zoom). The aim is to give a general introduction to the concept of OECMs, and their evolving scope in global policy and regional strategies. The webinar will also share information on advances on marine OECMs globally and offer an opportunity to initiate discussion and reflection by workshop participants on OECM definition and criteria and the role that OECMs can play in the Baltic Sea region, and the initial interest and needs by Baltic countries to advance OECMs. Find it on HELCOM site, or contact HELCOM Secretariat (petra.kaaria@helcom.fi).

AIPCE CEP SEAFOOD TRADE SYMPOSIUM 2nd December 2021, 10.00-12.00 CET

Join leading figures from Europe's fish processing and trading companies to find out how healthy and sustainable seafood can help tackle future food systems challenges and meet consumer demand for high quality, fully traceable and affordable protein products. The symposium will look at the issues that need to be addressed, market trends, the latest developments and Europe's position in relation to global supply and demand. To register here:

<https://na.eventscloud.com/ereg/newreg.php?eventid=646539&>

Nordic Marine Think Tank (NMTT) together with ICES on a Workshop on Climate Change 9th - 10th December 2021 in Helsingør

This one-and-a-half-day joint NMTT-ICES Workshop gives opportunity for fisheries and aquaculture stakeholders, scientists and policy makers the chance to discuss, exchange ideas and identify practical steps for the fisheries and aquaculture sectors to adopt to and reduce its own contribution to climate change. Get registered!

<https://www.nmtt.org/forum>

Stakeholder workshop for the Horizon 2020 funded project EcoScope (Ecocentric Management for Sustainable Fisheries and Healthy Marine Ecosystems) 16th February 2022, Brussels

The workshop will be held in **Brussels** on the **16th of February 2022**. It will be in a **full day (9-17h) in-person event** managed by a professional facilitator. Hotel and travel expenses for invited participants from outside of Brussels will be covered by the EcoScope Project. The overall objective of EcoScope is to co-design and develop an efficient and holistic ecosystem-based approach to sustainable fisheries management that can be easily used by policy makers and advisory bodies. This will be achieved through an interoperable platform (**EcoScope Platform**) and a robust decision-making toolbox (**EcoScope Toolbox**), which will include tools and ecosystem models adapted to the capacity and needs of decision makers. To this end, this workshop will bring the project consortium experts in toolbox development together with policy makers and stakeholders that will use the EcoScope Toolbox. The **aim of the workshop** is to co-design the requirements of the tools with the workshop participants, to deliver fit-for-purpose tools to implement ecosystem-based approach to fisheries. As a **key stakeholder**, your participation in the workshop representing the **Baltic Sea Advisory Council (BSAC)** will be crucial to inform the development of the EcoScope Platform and EcoScope Toolbox so that they are fit for purpose at the end of the project.

They invite BSAC to take part.

If you want to know more contact Sheila Heymans (sheyman@marineboard.eu) and Ana Rodriguez (arodriguez@marineboard.eu), at the European Marine Board Secretariat.

9th Annual World Ocean summit and Expo – achieving 2030 targets 1st-3rd March 2022, Lisbon

This global event will bring together the broadest cross-section of the ocean community, from businesses to scientists, government, investors, and civil society. No other event rivals its challenging content and diverse and senior audience, or its influence and impact on the acceleration of progress towards a sustainable ocean economy. It aims to change how business is done in the ocean, shaping and advancing the way in which governments, businesses, and conservation organisations work together to fashion the "blue economy".

https://events.economist.com/world-ocean-summit/?RefID=email1&utm_source=email&utm_medium=Eloqua&utm_campaign=wos&utm_content=launch

BSAC reports on meetings:

Workshops on ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management (EAFM) under the CFP. 18th October and 26th October

These workshops were held under two EMFAF-funded specific contracts implemented by the European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency (CINEA) and on behalf of the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE). The workshops offered the opportunity to discuss with fisheries stakeholders from industry, NGO's, management and science about the usefulness of various elements of EAFM that have been implemented under the CFP to date, and to identify missing elements or future needs in light of the Green Deal. One workshop focused on current experiences with EAFM and emerging best practices. The second workshop looked at mapping of EAFM and how the available database can help to improve future fisheries management and render it more "ecosystem-based". The study team, (Marloes Kraan, Eider Andonegi, Ralf Doering, John Pearce, Robert Arthur, GerJan Piet) has systematically analyzed the implementation of EAFM in the North Sea, Baltic Sea, Western Waters and EU Outermost Regions. The studies illustrate EAFM progress to date, provide opportunities to learn from current experiences, and identify obstacles that hamper the implementation of EAFM, based on our inventory of existing ecosystem challenges, management measures applied, and their legal and scientific bases. Through case studies, obstacles that may prevent the implementation of EAFM and best practices that may facilitate the process have been identified.

Nils Höglund EBM WG Chair represented the BSAC at the meeting on 26th October 2021 and reported on the key points:

1. Project is about developing a tool for managers to understand what measures are in place and what challenges they meet or don't meet
 2. It is done by compiling a lot of data into a database that can be asked questions in all relevant regions
 3. Basic idea is to better understand how ecosystem based fisheries management is used
- We wait to hear more, especially about the relevance of the project for the Baltic.

A German-Polish conference Marine conservation without borders – opportunities for cooperation in the southern Baltic Sea October 6th to 8th 2021 by Deutsche Umwelthilfe

The conference dealt with three main topics:

- 1) The benefits of effective marine protected areas for humans and nature
- 2) Essential functions (ecosystem services) that marine protected areas and healthy oceans provide us with
- 3) Fisheries and marine conservation

There will be talks, panel discussions and many interactive formats to enable transnational discussions among representatives from government and public authorities, fisheries, tourism, environmental associations, academia and the interested public that stimulate the development of practical solutions to existing challenges. Find the links to PL and GER here:

<https://www.duh.de/ponadgraniczna-ochrona-morz/>

https://www.duh.de/fileadmin/user_upload/download/Projektinformation/Naturschutz/Program_Zaproszenie_Konferencja_morska_6-8.10.21.pdf

<https://www.duh.de/meeresschutz-ohne-grenzen/>

https://www.duh.de/fileadmin/user_upload/download/Projektinformation/Naturschutz/Einladung_Programm_MeeresschutzKonferenz_6-8.10.21.pdf

If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Katharina Fietz (fietz@duh.de) and Katrin Quiring (quiring@duh.de) by email.

The BSAC report from this conference is here:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

Stockholm University Baltic Sea Day 2021- 10th October

Baltic Sea Day was the chance for Stockholm University to highlight ongoing research from seven departments on different anthropogenic pressures in the Baltic Sea, as well as methods and techniques that can be used in assessments and management support. We made a report.

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

All the presentations are here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLjBr9cfayt4TCJqBKLL928BwAIAHa0JHI>

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The HELCOM ministerial meeting Lübeck Wednesday 20th October 2022

The ministers adopted the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan:

<https://helcom.fi/helcom-at-work/ministerial-meetings/2021-lubeck/>

“This is a good day for the Baltic Sea and its marine environment,” says Rüdiger Stempel, the Executive Secretary of HELCOM, a regional sea organisation to which all Baltic Sea countries and the EU are a party of. “With the updated Baltic Sea Action Plan, we now have a clear-cut roadmap for improving the ecological state of our sea over the next ten years.” The plan addresses climate change, marine litter, pharmaceuticals, underwater noise, and seabed disturbance. “The update has also allowed us to include emerging and previously insufficiently addressed pressures,” Stempel notes. The updated BSAP is also closely aligned with international and regional ecological objectives such as the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the targets of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), or, for those of our Contracting Parties that are also EU members, the EU’s Marine Strategy Framework Directive (MSFD).

All actions of the updated BSAP are to be implemented by 2030 at the latest. “A successful completion of the BSAP is a prerequisite for attaining the overall objective of a healthy Baltic Sea,” emphasizes Stempel.

The Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP), adopted by the HELCOM Contracting Parties in 2007 and updated in 2021, is HELCOM’s strategic programme of measures and actions for achieving good environmental status of the sea, ultimately leading to a Baltic Sea in a healthy state: [see here](#):

<https://helcom.fi/baltic-sea-action-plan/>

Coalition Clean Baltic commented on the HELCOM BSAP – it lacks ambition

20th October 2021

<https://ccb.se/2021/10/political-ambition-and-actions-fall-short-in-the-updated-baltic-sea-action-plan/>

Money matters: Online side event organised by CCB & WWF "How can regional investments in the seascape help support and restore the Baltic Sea?" Wednesday 20th October, 14.00-15.30 CET

Their event focused on financial investments in the seascape asking the question “How can regional investments in the seascape help support and restore the Baltic Sea?” Speakers talked about financial flows of the main blue economy sectors in the Baltic and how Baltic Sea countries can align their financial investments to support a Sustainable Blue Economy while delivering to the agreed HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan 2021-2030.

<https://mailchi.mp/3922cbf446/ccb-wwf-side-event-how-can-regional-investments-in-the-seascape-help-support-and-restore-the-baltic-sea-20th-october-1400-1530-cet-5147857?e=798c76b579>

We made a report

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest>

From CCB on this event:

20th October 2021

[Finance in focus: NGOs bring together industry and ministers to discuss the future of finance in the Baltic sea | Coalition Clean Baltic \(ccb.se\)](#)

Coming up HELCOM meetings that are relevant for fisheries:

HELCOM Working Group on Reduction of Pressures from the Baltic Sea Catchment Area (PRESSURE 15-2021) 2nd -4th November 2021

25th Meeting of the HELCOM Group for the Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach, (GEAR 25-2021), 8th – 10th November 2021

This will include an informal session on national experiences in MSFD implementation. Also updates on MSFD Article 8 and the MSFD Programmes of Measures under Article 13; progress on the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, planning for HOLAS III and associated processes.

23rd Meeting of the HELCOM-VASAB WG on Maritime Spatial Planning 16th -17th November 2021

HELCOM FISH 13-2021 (FISH 14-2022) the group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries Germany
23rd -24th February 2022.

LOADS more on HELCOM meetings here: [HELCOM](#)

Other information/reading, including from BSAC members

Association for Low Impact Fisheries in Denmark concerned about extraction of sand and gravel materials from the sea to create an energy island

28th October

This is all to do with the Danish Marine Plan, and proposed extraction of materials for use in the creation of an energy island in the North Sea. Extraction affects fish resources, the marine environment and seabed. All while the fisheries sector is told to reduce its impact on nature and fish stocks. In Danish.

<https://skaansomtystfiskeri.dk/energieen-maa-ikke-oedelaegge-havets-natur-og-true-friskebestandene/>

Danish Pelagic PO and DTU Aqua (THE scientific research institute in Denmark) – take part in a trial fishery for stickleback in the Baltic

21st October 2021

This is about the chance to take part in a trial fishery for stickleback during November – December 2021. The trial will be with gear used for catching sandeel and with focus on avoiding sprat and herring. Up to 6 vessels can take part and up to 60 days fishing. It will take place in the eastern Baltic (SDs 25-32) and catches will be landing in Denmark where all weighing and measuring will take place. There are a load of requirements for potential applicants – for the vessel (length, size, equipment etc), fees, scientific protocol with DTU Aqua. Information Contact Claus R. Sparrevohn at DPPO crs@pelagisk.dk

Reported in Fiskerforum (Danish):

https://fiskerforum.dk/deltag-i-forsogsfiskeri-efter-hundestejler-i-oestersoen/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fiskerforum_daglig_nyhedsopdatering&utm_term=2021-10-26

The Danish Directorate of Fisheries is also involved in this

News from 20th October 2021 (Danish):

<https://fiskeristyrelsen.dk/nyheder/nyhed/nyhed/deltag-i-forsogsfiskeri-efter-hundestejler-i-oestersoen/>

Low Impact Fishers of Europe LIFE Please Give Baltic Cod and Small-scale Low Impact Fishing a Chance

LIFE on the Baltic Sea cod fisheries

Low Impact Fishers of Europe shared with the BSAC a letter they sent to DG Mare about giving cod and small scale fishermen a chance. It gives the position of the Baltic members of LIFE. They also share a proposal from the Association for Low Impact Coastal Fishery-PO to transform the fishery for western Baltic Cod into a low impact fishery. The following proposal is provided by Danish Small-Scale Fishermen's Producer Organization. (FSK-PO) The proposal is supported by the Danish Association for Nature Conservation, the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), the Association of Danish Restaurants and Cafes (DRC), Fiskerikajen, Kystfisker Kompagniet, and Low-impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE)

Find them here:

<https://lifeplatform.eu/please-give-baltic-cod-and-small-scale-low-impact-fishing-a-chance/>

A job for LIFE? LIFE is currently seeking an experienced, self-motivated and multi-skilled candidate to fulfil the role of **Baltic and North Sea Regional Coordinator.**

They are looking for someone with relevant fisheries background or equivalent experience OR Master's Degree in Fisheries, Political Science, Economics, Communications, Environmental Affairs or equivalent professional experience. More info:

<https://lifeplatform.eu/life-is-hiring-baltic-and-north-sea-regional-coordinator/>

LIFE report: EU Holds Key To Just Transition to Low-Carbon, Low-Impact Fishing Industry

The EU and its member states must transition to a more ecologically, socially and economically sustainable fishing industry – and already have the means to do so, according to a new report published today.

The report published by the Our Fish Campaign and Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE) finds that by activating Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP), and allocating fishing quotas based on

transparent and objective criteria of an environmental, social and economic nature, the EU can achieve a just transition to a low-carbon, low-impact fishing fleet.

EU Holds Key To Just Transition to Low-Carbon, Low-Impact Fishing Industry – Report – Life Platform

Fisheries Secretariat news

Plight of European eel explained on Swedish television

22nd October 2021

The recurring Swedish television programme Uppdrag Granskning – Mission: Investigate in English – highlighted the plight of the European eel and the ineffectiveness of many of the current management measures. It focused particularly on the devastating effects of hydropower installations and the costly, artificial support provided by restocking and trap-and-transport.

<https://www.fishsec.org/2021/10/22/plight-of-european-eel-explained-on-swedish-television/>

New funding for European dam removal launched

8th October 2021

A good day for rivers, biodiversity and migratory fish. Together with Professor Peter Baldwin and Dr Lisbet Rausing, founders of Arcadia, the Dam Removal Europe Coalition launched an entirely new programme to fund dam removal in Europe. The new Open Rivers Programme comes with dedicated funding of 42.5 million Euro and is entirely focused on restoring rivers by removing dams. The Dam Removal Europe Coalition and the funders hope that this 6-year initiative will greatly speed up the process of dam removal in Europe.

<https://www.fishsec.org/2021/10/08/new-funding-for-european-dam-removal-launched/>

A new EU LIFE project to revive 14 Baltic Rivers (Estonia, Finland and Sweden)

16th September 2021

A new LIFE project Revives has started with 15,9 million € being invested into the restoration of 14 salmon and sea trout rivers in Sweden, Finland and Estonia. The goal is to restore threatened river pearl mussel populations by restoring rivers and salmon and sea trout populations in those rivers. Pearl mussels have a symbiotic life stage living on the gills of salmon and trout so this project is a win-win for fish, fishermen and the environment. Read more (in Swedish) at:

[Nytt EU-projekt ska återuppliva musselpopulationer och deras livsmiljöer | Länsstyrelsen Norrbotten \(lansstyrelsen.se\)](#)

Mvh / Kind regards, Glenn Douglas

MSC's annual report 2020 – 2021 – Recognising and rewarding sustainable fishing

Reporting on the challenges of 2020.

<https://www.msc.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/about-the-msc/msc-annual-report-2020-2021.pdf>

MSC First sprat trawl fishery in Poland certified to the MSC's international standard for sustainability

13th October 2021

[View Poland herring and sprat midwater trawl and gill net - MSC Fisheries](#)

Press release in Polish:

[Polscy rybacy otrzymali certyfikat MSC dla połowów szprotów | Marine Stewardship Council](#)

MSC to remove label 22nd November 2021: Cod bycatch is causing problems for the so-called Joint demersal fisheries in the North Sea:

This isn't Baltic, but it's close to home – for Danish seines and longliners in the North Sea, beam trawlers in Skagerrak and Danish seines and gillnets in the Kattegat

In Danish from Fiskerforum 26th October 2021

https://fiskerforum.dk/msc-suspenderinger-i-jdf-fiskeriet-joint-demersal-fisheries/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=fiskerforum_daglig_nyhedsopdatering&utm_term=2021-10-26

The problem is the increasing amounts of cod caught as bycatch in the targeted fisheries which are MSC certified. The MSC assessment sheet is here and the listed fisheries

https://fisheries.msc.org/en/fisheries/joint-demersal-fisheries-in-the-north-sea-and-adjacent-waters/@_assessments?_ga=2.186399274.28973261.1635232866-1435897615.1526289335

Fiskerforum comments that this is a shame – a lot of small vessels using gillnets will be affected. It's a shame that these often locally based and important fisheries will be suspended.

Read EUROFISH magazine October 2021

- On Poland – that they prefer to eat fresh fish caught from the Baltic (salmon, cod, flounder, halibut) - - locally sourced and direct from the vessel Page 8
- On Latvia – commercial fishers are reporting their catches electronically, interview with National Fisheries Producer Organisation (Viesturs Ulis Chair) and what they're getting up to these days Page 46
- On transport and logistics - work to improve movement of freight to make it more environment and climate friendly Page 51

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Swedish Agency for Water and Marine Management (SwAM) and FOS Europe: a new approach to MPA network design and management,

The framework and method are developed to help systematically reason through how much of what to protect, and how to protect it, to achieve the desired results. They provide tools for setting objectives for threat reduction based on the sensitivity of habitats and species to different threats, as well as for deciding how stringent regulation needs to be. They are designed to help keep up with changing ambitions in marine protection, and to help align and collaborate across areas and administrative levels. FOS Europe is hosting [free webinars in November](#), introducing the framework and the method. You will find a summary and the full report to download in this [web article](#) (English) or on the [SwAM website](#) (Swedish). For more information ilke@fosonline.org.

Blue Food the centre for future seafood in Sweden

This is about the potential in producing healthy seafood in Swedish waters. Innovation. Strengthen markets. Collaboration. Make use of what there is: wild-caught fish, algae, other edible marine animals. It's a big project with many companies involved. The aim is to develop new fish products of new or underutilized species. Results will be applicable in the whole Baltic, and beyond!

Contact info@bluefood.se <https://www.bluefood.se/>

BSAC Demersal WG Chair Teija Aho is member of the board.

FAO/GLOBEFISH new product: GLOBEFISH market profiles

7th October 2021

Each GLOBEFISH Market Profile provides a snapshot of key data relevant to production and trade in fisheries and aquaculture products. This is supplemented with other relevant information aiming to present a concise. 205 of them.

<https://www.fao.org/in-action/globefish/news-events/details-news/en/c/1442921/>

GLOBEFISH European price report October 2021 – did someone say Christmas?

Buying in anticipation of the Christmas season is already in full swing, prompted by widespread concern over potential delays due to various logistical issues. But there are challenges: higher fuel costs, price increases (especially for wild caught fish) and problems on the Italian market.

https://issuu.com/globefish/docs/globefish_-_european_price_report_-_oct_2021_pdf

GLOBEFISH highlights

https://issuu.com/globefish/docs/globefish_highlights_-_03_2021

3rd issue 2021, includes January–March 2021 Statistics. Despite the ongoing difficulties affecting trade, the market outlook has improved significantly. Almost all species have benefitted from the innovation in products, marketing and distribution that has taken place since the pandemic imposed a new set of constraints on the marketplace.

Baltic Sea Centre Stockholm University – the stock has been over exploited for many years - continued high fishing pressure on herring in Gulf of Bothnia next year

14th October 2021

They report on the decisions for Baltic TACs 2022 and focus on the Bothnian herring:

<https://balticeye.org/en/fisheries/highs-and-lows-for-herring-tac/>

Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) on where the fish grow

11th October 2021

They have produced new maps show where the young fish are growing - an effective tool for conservation and nature protection. The SLU has looked at areas on the Swedish west coast and the Baltic coast. The maps show which areas along the coast are the best areas for many of the commercially fished stocks. You can see the maps, you can find contact names etc. (In Swedish):

<https://www.slu.se/ew-nyheter/2021/10/nya-kartor-visar-fiskarnas-viktigaste-uppvaxtmiljoer/>

And we're back where we started, the Fisheries Council October 2021.

Danish TV Channel TV2 on seals: Researcher rejects the claims made by fishermen: It's not the seals that are eating all the cod

12th October 2021

This news article reports on the fisheries view that seals and cormorants are responsible for the lack of cod. Jonas Teilman, Århus University, researcher into marine mammals has been consulted. He replied that fishermen catch more cod than the predators do. It's part of the natural ecosystem for seals and cormorants to eat cod. Instead, he says, look below the water and the factors that are influencing the Baltic, for example lack of oxygen. Marie Storr-Poulsen has also talked to TV2 comments that the models that they've used are not as good as they should be in order to estimate how many cod there are, and the figures have been too optimistic. (In Danish):

<https://nyheder.tv2.dk/samfund/2021-10-11-forsker-afviser-fiskeres-udsagn-det-er-ikke-saelerne-der-spiser-alle-torskene>

Last, but not least: Passing the torch from Pim Visser to Esben-Sverdrup Jensen: newly elected President of the European Association of Fish Producers Organisations.



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Pim Visser passes the torch to newly-elected EAPO-President Esben Sverdrup-Jensen at the General Assembly: "It's time for my generation to take over and continue making an impact in shaping the EU-fisheries."

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Congratulations Esben!