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A REMINDER TO ALL BSAC MEMBERS TO PLEASE TAKE PART IN THE ONLINE SURVEY – deadline 5th November 2020. It comes to you from the consultancy Oxford Research (and not direct from the BSAC Secretariat)

SOME OF YOU WILL BE ASKED TO TAKE PART IN ONE TO ONE INTERVIEWS WITH THE CONSULTANCY OXFORD RESEARCH - we’ll contact you about this.

We wrote to members for contributions by the end of October 2020. We didn’t hear from anyone.

So please let us have any news by last week of November if you want it to be included.

BSAC news and meetings

Reine J. Johansson
The BSAC was extremely sad to inform this month of the death of Reine. He passed away on 4th October 2020, aged 65. Reine was elected chair of the BSAC right when it started in 2006. He stepped down in 2018. Fisheries was Reine’s life. Few people dedicated so much of their life to fishermen and fisheries with such devotion.

Once met, never forgotten. Reine made a deep impression on us in many ways. He listened to all viewpoints, and always strived to reach consensus in the BSAC, and did not give up until the last voice had been heard.

Rest in peace, Reine.

The BSAC has sent all the tributes received to his daughter, and flowers to the funeral.

The BSAC ExCom chair gave a tribute to Reine at the ExCom meeting this week 27th October 2020.

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The recent BSAC Ecosystem Based Working Group 21st and 22nd September 2020
The meeting took place as a virtual meeting, and managing also to provide interpreting. The main aim of the meeting was to deal with some of the most relevant proposals coming out of the HELCOM BSAP, as well as harbour porpoise. It also dealt with stickleback – a completely new and important subject for the BSAC. And it discussed whether to work further on developing a salmon multi annual management plan (the Commission recently withdrew the proposal it put forward in 2011). The presentations from the invited speakers as well as the full, detailed report are here:
http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/Ecosystem-based-working-group

The BSAC Executive Committee meeting, 27th October 2020
This meeting was planned to take place in Vigo, with the European Fisheries Control Agency. But due to COVID-19, EFCA couldn’t hold a physical meeting with the BSAC. A virtual ExCom meeting was held on 27th October 2020, again with interpretation.

The main agenda item was for members to comment on and react to the Council decisions for the Baltic fisheries in 2021. There was a thorough discussion, and the Commission representative gave answers and explanations. The ExCom also got an update from the work of the above-mentioned ecosystem based management. It talked about possible measures for preventing bycatch of harbour porpoise: it can’t be excluded that the Commission will put forward a proposal for emergency measures. On salmon, the BSAC agreed on the need to work on developing a management plan for salmon and has already been in touch with the BALTFISH Presidency on the matter. Finally, there was a discussion on the Commission’s report on the
Baltic multiannual plan, as well as reports from relevant meetings. A report from the meeting is expected soon……. For the time being, all relevant documentation is on the website. It includes a letter from four Polish fisheries organisations about the decisions taken at the Council and informed to the ExCom: http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee-meeting-(6)

We really hope that the ExCom meeting with EFCA will be in spring 2021 (at the suggestion of EFCA).

An external evaluation of the BSAC: work in progress
The Management Team has recently held a kick-off meeting with the consultancy Oxford Research, based in Copenhagen, to go through the details and practicalities. The ExCom chair expressed optimism about the process.

The main elements of the evaluation
The aim is to focus on the internal structures and functioning of the BSAC, to look at the processes involved towards producing the BSAC advice and its quality, and to evaluate the participation and performance of the members of the BSAC.

The design and process of the evaluation
There will be an online survey, designed to get input from all BSAC members on their involvement in the BSAC.
Then there will be in-depth interviews with a limited number of BSAC members (about 15). The Management Team will assist in selecting interviewees. Oxford Research will also contact certain Member States and DG Mare for separate interviews.

Timing
The online survey will be done from late October with a deadline of 5th November 2020
Interviews will be during November. Presentation of the initial findings to the Management Team late November.

Follow up on the BSAC work to develop input to a future Common Fisheries Policy: how, when and where
The Secretariat has already prepared a draft text to be dealt with by specific BSAC CFP Focus Groups. There will be three separate on-line focus groups, meeting possibly towards the end of 2020, or at the latest in January 2021. The three groups will deal with: Ecosystem matters, scientific advice, control, landing obligation etc., and decision making and regionalisation. The focus groups will be facilitated by the members of the Management Team.

The ExCom chair met the Director General DG Charlina Vitcheva on 5th October 2020
On the agenda for this one-hour meeting with the DG were the Commission’s recommendations for TACs 2021, and the functioning of and membership of the Advisory Councils. Please find a short report from this meeting here: http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest/BSACreportBSACmtgwithDirGen051020FINAL.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB

BSAC output recommendations from the BSAC and replies

The BSAC advice on mitigation measures for harbour porpoise
The BSAC worked intensively during and after the ecosystem based management working group on recommendations concerning harbour porpoise. These were sent to Commission and BALTIFIC on 5th October 2020. It would seem that emergency measures will come before the adoption of a set of mitigation measures. Find the recommendations here: http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/BSAC-recommendations-concerning-mitigation-measure
BALTIFIC/Member States news and meetings

Nothing that we know is coming up. But we learnt at the ExCom meeting that there’s focus on selectivity and development of alternate gears. A fisheries representative informed that work on selective gears has been given high priority. The results of this work are being discussed and elaborated by the BALTIFIC Technical Working Group with a view to formulating a joint recommendation. At the meeting the ExCom chair expressed the hope that the BSAC will be invited to the BALTIFIC Technical Working Group to discuss and elaborate the joint recommendation on selective gears.

Commission news and meetings

Latest news from DG Mare
28th October 2020
Read about the Baltic TACs, the proposal for North Sea TACs, on marine litter, on Natura 2000, circular economy, maritime security, and more:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/our-baltic-conference-28092020BSACreport-

The Commission Our Baltic conference Monday 28th September 2020
The Commissioner for the Environment, Oceans and Fisheries Virginijus Sinkevičius organised a high-level conference on possible actions to redress the situation concerning the Baltic. The Our Baltic conference took place on 28th September 2020, on-line. It was unfortunately plagued by technical problems, but clear messages were conveyed by those who were able to take part. The Baltic ministers and the Commission signed a declaration during the meeting. Please see the report from the BSAC here:
http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-
And find all the documents and presentations from the Conference here:
https://ec.europa.eu/info/events/our-baltic-conference_en

What Future for the Blue Economy? 27th October 2020
The European Commission has asked the Advisory Councils to submit comments and ideas to the roadmap on the future communication on Sustainable Blue economy. On 27th October, DG MARE held a webinar to launch the (targeted) stakeholder consultation. Deadline to provide feedback 7th December 2020. The roadmap on the future communication on Sustainable Blue economy has been published. The European Commission is in the process of shaping a new comprehensive approach to the blue economy. In its virtual meeting, the Commission presented its general concept and orientations. Representatives of regions, clusters and NGOs as well as scientists and finance experts gave their outlook on challenges to tackle and opportunities to grab. Those taking part were

M. Arjen Uytendael, President of the European Network of Maritime Clusters (ENMC)
Eleni Marianou - Secretary General of the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions (tbc)
Mrs. Monika Verbeek, Executive director, Sea at Risk
Dr. Torsten Thiele, Senior Research Associate at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies (IASS) in Potsdam
Professor Sheila JJ Heymans, Executive Director of the European Marine Board

The meeting was recorded and available on web streaming. See here:

The Commission’s Farm to Fork Strategy: Feedback from the BSAC and a letter back from DG Mare to the BSAC
In May this year, the BSAC sent some feedback to the Commission on its initiative on the Farm to Fork Strategy. The Director General DG Mare has just written back with a reply. Any feedback from ExCom for follow-up is welcome.
Council meeting to decide on Baltic 2021 TACs, 19th October 2020

The Council reached an agreement on next year’s fishing opportunities in the Baltic Sea, focusing on fish stock recovery. Ministers agreed to continue decreasing the fishing opportunities for several fish stocks in the Baltic Sea to help them recover. Ministers decided to continue the closure of the Eastern Baltic cod fishery and to provide only a by-catch quota, which was again significantly reduced compared to last year’s. The biggest cuts in the total allowable catches (TACs) were for the herring of the Western and Central part of the Baltic Sea, in line with the latest scientific advice.

Ministers agreed for a moderate increase of the TACs for herring in the Gulf of Riga, Western Baltic cod, plaice, sprat and salmon in the main basin area of the Baltic Sea, while salmon in the Gulf of Finland will be moderately decreased. The TACs for the Bothnian herring will remain at the same level as last year.

In addition to setting TACs and quotas on some species, the Council agreed on additional measures such as:

- Maintain the existing summer spawning closure for the Eastern Baltic cod with an exception for purely scientific fisheries and small-scale coastal fisheries using specific gears.
- Extend the spawning closure period for cod in Subdivision 24.
- Maintain the ban on recreational fisheries of Eastern Baltic cod, and maintain the reduced bag limit for Western Baltic cod recreational fisheries.
- Declaration by relevant Member States not to use year-to-year flexibility for Eastern Baltic cod


The table overview with figures is here:

The regulation has not yet been finally adopted/published.

The Press Statement by Commissioner Sinkevičius following AGRIFISH Council in Luxembourg on 19-20 October 2020


Commission’s first report on the implementation of the Baltic Multiannual Plan

At the start of its report, the Commission refers to the differing opinions amongst stakeholders and BALTFISH about the MAP. It reports that BALT FISH finds it too early to evaluate the effects of the MAP, but sees its potential: the MAP has strengthened awareness of the stock situation and given some scope for manoeuvre. The BSAC and its members are mostly negative: the fishing industry favour wider use of upper $F_{\text{MSY}}$ ranges; NGOs see upper ranges as not in line with MSY. The Commission’s report gives a short summary of the background and objectives of the Baltic MAP, it being the first one of its kind, and first applied in 2017. You can find the Commission report and its staff working document on the BSAC website here:

http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee-meeting-(6)/CELEX_52020DC0494_EN_TXT.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB

Finally, here’s the working Atlas of the Seas

With the newest release of the European Atlas of the Seas today, citizens from all around Europe now have access to stunning marine maps and interactive oceanic information in their own language, making the Atlas an even more accessible and useful educational tool. From now on, visitors can navigate the Atlas in the 24 official languages of the European Union, as well as explore a wide range of popular marine topics, such as tourism, litter, environment, energy, aquaculture, and much more!
The PECH newsletter Trawler for October is here:

On the Baltic:
The TACs for 2021 Reporting on pages 9 – 10.
The proposal for the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund 2021–2027 had its latest trilogue meeting on 29th October 2020.

Next meeting of the Committee on Fisheries: 16 November 2020.

Here’s the calendar of PECH meetings up to the end of the year
https://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/210940/2020-08-25_Updated%20draft%20calendar_January%20to%20December%202020.pdf

PECH has a report on the Impact of the use of offshore wind and other marine renewables on European fisheries
October 2020

EFCA Control Agency news and meetings

Advisory Board meeting with EFCA Friday 9th October 2020

The Advisory Councils met with EFCA for its bi-annual meeting.
The ExCom chair gave comprehensive input on the issues concerning the BSAC, and EFCA replied to each.
A report from the meeting is here:
We’ve asked for the presentations made at the meeting.

EFCA approved its annual work programme for 2021 and the multiannual work programme for 2021-2025

By letter to the BSAC Exec Com Chair on 22nd October 2020 EFCA informed of this. They become definitive once the Union budget is finally adopted. See the EFCA news on this here:

News from other ACs

Annual meeting for the ACs with DG Mare 25th November 2020 15.00 – 18.30
DG Mare informed that, as announced in Ms Vitcheva’s letter of 28th September 2020 to the ACs, an inter-ACs webinar will be held on 25th November, 15:00 – 18:30 via WebEx. The aim of the webinar is to discuss functioning issues as was done last year, and to do a state of play of key files. The agenda and practical information will be sent soon. The event will be web-streamed. Please see here the letter that Director General recently sent in connection with this meeting: http://www.bsac.dk/getattachment/BSAC-Resources/Documents-section/BSAC-Newsletter-latest/Follow-up-to-the-meeting-with-NGO-representatives-on-the-functioning-of-the-Ac-s.pdf.aspx?lang=en-GB

**The MIAC (the ACs meet ICES) meeting 13th January 2021 at 11hrs**
This time, the NSAC is coordinating preparations for the meeting. They ask us to discuss with Executive Committees the issues we want to see on 2021 MIAC agenda and send them with a short explanatory paragraph for each item by Monday 16th November 2020 at 12.00 CET.

Last year, the BSAC raised the issue of zero advice in relation to Western Baltic spring spawning herring, and invited ICES to comment and provide suggestions. At the meeting the BSAC representatives asked ICES if they were working on providing a more usable advice than just a zero TAC. The ICES answer was that they are working on it, but that the advice given is according to agreement with contracting parties. ICES cannot just change the way they give advice.

**The ACs Secretariats just got together by virtual means 1st October 2020**

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**ICES published advice for 2021 for eel**
30th October 2020
The advice is:
ICES advises that when the precautionary approach is applied for European eel, all anthropogenic impacts (e.g. caused by recreational and commercial fishing on all life stages, hydropower, pumping stations, and pollution) that decrease production and escapement of silver eels should be reduced to, or kept as close as possible to, zero in 2021. See the advice: http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2020/2020/ele.2737.nea.pdf

**ICES to meet Advisory Councils and other stakeholders, Thursday 14th January 2021 13hrs -17hrs**
ACOM chair Mark Dickey-Collas has informed that due to COVID-19, the MIA CO meeting (ICES and stakeholders) on 14th January 2021 will be slimmed down to 4 hours from 13:00 and its ambitions curtailed. The propose to mostly focus on feedback to ICES, news from ICES and improving the knowledge base through data derived from commercial sources, and stakeholder information (fisheries and non-fisheries). We hope that you appreciate this proposal reflects current conditions.

**ICES has published advice on innovative gears for potential use in EU waters**
22nd October 2020
It defines “innovative gear” as a gear or a significant component of a gear that’s different from the baseline in the current EU regulations or different from gear commonly used in specific sea basins in the EU. It’s an initial assessment and needs further development.
http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2020/Special_REQUESTS/eu.2020.12.pdf

**ICES is holding a salmon life cycle modelling workshop 5th -8th January 2021**
Its aims:
1. Advance the Bayesian Life Cycle model for the assessment of North Atlantic salmon (SALMO SALAR);
2. Train ICES experts in the use of this Life Cycle model,
3. Improve and formalize the workflow from data specification, preparation, and maintenance to the production of the assessment and for provision multiple year forecasts and catch advice;

It will report to ICES WGNAS in March 2021 and by 24 April 2021 for the attention of ACOM.

**ICES Workshop on the Future of Eel Advice: WFKEA: by correspondence (2 November 2020–29 January 2021) and meet from 1–5 February 2021 in Copenhagen**

WFKEA will meet to discuss the current advice framework, consider options for future assessment and advice needs, and draft a roadmap towards recommendations for a new or adapted advice framework on fishing opportunities and potentially other anthropogenic pressures on European eel.

http://ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKFEA.aspx

**How is COVID affecting the work of ICES?**

27th October 2020

Get an update here:


**BONUS - joint Baltic Sea research and development programme is coming to an end**

Read here, and final forum is 24th November 2020:


**HELCOM**

**The HELCOM FISH GROUP 12-2019 - 11th - 12th November 2020**

The Twelfth Meeting of HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 12-2020) will start at 9:00 CET/10:00 EET on Wednesday, 11th November and end 16:00 CET/17:00 EET on Thursday, 12th November 2020.

Draft agenda here:

http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/External-events/HELCOM-FISH-12

The BSAC has sent to this meeting all the BSAC information on the discussions and views on proposed measures for the updated HELCOM BSAP which refer to fish and fisheries.

**HELCOM GEAR 9th - 11th November 2020: (GEAR 23-2020)**

This 23rd meeting of the HELCOM Group for Implementation of the Ecosystem Approach will be online. It will start at 9.00CET/10:00h EET and end 11th November 2020 by 15:00CET/16:00h EET.

As part of the first half day of the meeting (9 November) an informal session is planned, dedicated to the informal exchange of Contracting Parties’ national experiences in MSFD implementation. Input for discussions for the informal sessions and under agenda item 3 has been prepared by DG MSFD.

- regional coordination in relation to MSFD, specifically to the update of MSFD PoMs,
- progress on the update of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan, including sufficiency of measures,
- scoping and planning for HOLAS III and associated processes.

See draft agenda here:

http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/External-events/HELCOM-GEAR-23

Many, many more HELCOM meetings on www.helcom.fi

**Other information/reading**

**Access to coastal waters: Denmark and Germany have finally got it sorted for flatfish**
The Basic Regulation from 2013 has in its Annex 1 a whole list specifying which member states can fish in the coastal bands of other member states and for which species. Denmark and Germany have sorted out a problem of interpretation, and reached agreement. Now Denmark can fish for flatfish (not just plaice) in SDs 22 and 24 within 3-12 nautical miles from the German base line. The good news is that this means no need to discard fish that weren’t plaice. Danish Fishing news reports on this in newspaper 17th October 2020.

**Association for Low Impact Coastal Fishery PO (FSK) proposes that fishing in the western part of the Baltic is allowed for vessels using low impact gears only**

22nd October 2020

The proposal from FSK, sent to the Danish minister of fisheries is supported by Greenpeace, WWF, the organisation representing Danish restaurants and cafes, LIFE, the Danish Society for Nature Conservation and a couple of others. They focus on SD 22 and parts of SD24 and suggest that certain gears such as gillnets should only be allowed to fish. According to FSK, such a proposal makes sense, particularly as the cod quota is now so low. You can see the press release here:


Their proposal in Danish here:


**The Baltic Sea Center (Baltic Eye) Analysis: Baltic Sea fishing has not gone according to the (multiannual) plan**

7th October 2020

The decline in Baltic cod and herring cannot be blamed solely on old sins. It must be also seen as a signal that something is not right in the administration, writes the Baltic Sea Centre’s Henrik Hamrén. The EU multiannual plan for cod, herring and sprat fisheries in the Baltic Sea was unique in its kind when it entered into force in the summer of 2016. The aim was to create better conditions for complying to CFP and the objectives of environmentally, economically and socially sustainable fisheries and aquaculture. Recently, the European Commission presented a first evaluation of the first four years with the MAP. It is no exaggeration to say that the development has not gone exactly according to plan. For many of the Baltic Sea’s most important commercial fish stocks, the situation is critical. Worst off is the Eastern Baltic cod stock, which is on the verge of collapse.

EU Commissioner for the Environment, Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Virginijus Sinkevicius, notes that the evaluation nevertheless shows that we cannot blame the fishing sector alone, and points out that many of today’s serious problems are caused by impacts that began 'long before 2016', such as eutrophication, overfishing and emissions of environmental toxins.


**The Baltic Eye writes on the EMFF: “We must protect the fish” The EU is heading in the wrong direction with fisheries subsidies**

14th October 2020

Within the EMFF, there are subsidies for fishermen who want to stop fishing permanently. But to fundamentally reform the system and get rid of all capacity-enhancing subsidies, greater and coordinated societal investments will be required in, for example, education and other short-term support for fishers who lose their livelihoods, says Rashid Sumaila, professor at British Columbia University.


**Coalition Clean Baltic: NGOs welcome EU fisheries ministers setting more Baltic fishing limits in line with science – but ecological crisis not averted**
20th October 2020


**Code of good manufacturing practices in fish processing. October 2020 – in Polish**

See the web site of the National Marine Fisheries Research Institute in Gdynia (in Polish): https://mir.gdynia.pl/Kodeks_2020_MIR.pdf

**Euronews Ocean Season 2. on Marine Litter**

In the EU, 20% of fishing gear is lost at sea. Abandoned, lost or disposed of, it accounts for about a third of marine litter found in European seas, or over 11,000 tons per year.

In this episode, timed to this year’s EUBeachCleanup campaign, we’ll visit Croatia and Italy to see how the EU-funded “marGnet” project is mapping and recycling ghost nets and other marine litter. We’ll meet Croatian fishers working with EU researchers to minimise ghost net pollution, take a SCUBA dive with underwater cleanup campaigners at the Cres-Lošinj archipelago, and join a cleanup action at the world-famous Venetian canals in Italy, while learning about marGnet-developed method of converting collected plastic waste into diesel fuel.


**European Anglers Alliance want a green deal for migratory fish**

29th October 2020

The new EU new Biodiversity Strategy has a target of restoring 25,000 kilometres of free-flowing rivers by 2030. The EAA say this is essential to tackle the dramatic decline in freshwater migratory fish population in the last 50 years. They also point to hydropower and dams as a key problem. Read more about this and a webinar that recently took place to discuss the impact of hydropower on fish migration and the EU’s new commitments under the Biodiversity Strategy for 2030.


**Europêche has three bits of news for October:**

http://europeche.chil.me/press

1. **EU governments privilege cheap imported fish over sustainable EU production**
   20th October 2020

http://europeche.chil.me/post/eu-governments-privilege-cheap-imported-fish-over-sustainable-eu-production-321369

2. **Europêche and environmental NGOs join forces to demand modern, effective and simplified EU fisheries control rules**
   15th October 2020


3. **Fishermen blown away by offshore wind energy escalation plans**
   1st October 2020

http://europeche.chil.me/post/fishermen-blown-away-by-offshore-wind-energy-escalation-plans-319476

**Fisheries Secretariat: Commission withdraws proposals for European eel and Baltic Salmon**

2nd October 2020

The Commission withdrew two important proposals that could have led to better protection and more sustainable fisheries for two species in trouble: Baltic salmon and European eel. Both proposals had been through first readings in the European Parliament and had support from many environmental organisations.

https://www.fishsec.org/2020/10/02/commission-withdraws-proposals-for-european-eel-and-baltic-salmon/
Fishing News say: See and hear the nomadic fisherman – all the way over to Gilleleje because he’s got nothing to catch in the Baltic
1st October 2020

Fiskerforum, Danish newsletter on banning trawling in the Baltic
24th October 2020
It informs on the above proposal from the Association for Low impact Coastal Fishery fishing, together with WWF and the Danish Society for Nature Conservation to ban trawling in the Baltic. The president for the Danish Fishermen PO gives his reaction: such a ban will affect jobs and local fishing ports. It doesn’t solve the basic problem in the Baltic which is caused by pollution and land-based activities. Read in Danish here:

Labelling fish in Denmark in a new way – protecting nature
This is a new label in Denmark for “fish caught by fisheries “protecting nature”
16th October 2020
This new scheme is open to the following:
Commercial fishermen with vessels up to 17 metres
Using specific gear that has low impact (defined in Danish legislation)
80% of the fishing trips in a calendar year must be less than 48 hours
Fishermen must have followed a course in quality + hygiene
Here’s the full set of guidelines from the Danish administration here, including a picture of the label, and a list of the fish that are covered by the label (it includes the Baltic – dab, flounder, plaice and sole):
And the official news from the Directorate of Fisheries
https://fiskeristyrelsen.dk/erhvervsfiskeri/maerkningsordningen-naturskaansom/

LIVERWORM? No thanks
The Danish Fishing news reports on the liver worm that causes serious damage to cod
13th October 2020
This is the latest research from the Danish institute DTU Aqua and the PhD project carried out by Marie Plambech Ryberg and showing that liver function is seriously affected by liver worm and shows similar effects as the human liver. When there are over 4-5 worms per gramme of liver the cod become critically thin and this increases their risk of dying. In Danish:

The Danish institute DTU Aqua also reported on the liverworm research (in Danish)
9th October 2020
https://www.aqua.dtu.dk/nyheder/2020/10/leverorm-giver-torsk-alvorlige-leverskader?id=29c9055e-a025-4960-8e3a-0f119bd8cfdd&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=mail&utm_campaign=
Marine Stewardship Council ask you a question: the planet or the economy?
Fiskerforum shared this
20th October 2020
This is MSC’s its message in a bottle and a film of six minutes. It talks about the importance of the oceans, the problem of fishing at unsustainable levels, but what’s this to do with the economy and COVID?
If scientists to work together with fishermen, take care to minimize the effect of fishing on habitats, and take care of the whole food chain from fishermen to consumers, all can work together to bring about change
Working towards certifiable sustainable fishing in 2030. Certified sustainable fishing, as in the MSC label

Marine Stewardship Council hold their Annual meeting in Denmark 1st December 2020
It will be in Danish, 9.30 – 12.00
Contact:
Morten Fristrup morten.fristrup@msc.org

Marine Ingredients solutions for tomorrow
Marine Ingredients is in the white paper on solutions for tomorrow – ingredients that lead towards sustainable feed and food. It’s about Denmark’s ingredients sector and ingredients companies making better use of resources. This white paper gives an overview. Go to page 14 and read about marine ingredients.

Marine Ingredients Code of Conduct to control landings
Watch the four-minute film.
23rd October 2020
This is a film on control and reporting of landings, avoiding fraud and making sure there’s a level playing field Denmark is taking the lead with a solution – it involves the third party surveyor, the authorities and the seller
See how it’s done in the big industrial fisheries supplying raw materials to the fish meal and fish oil manufacturers:
In Danish is the code of conduct here:

NGOs say stop hydropower development
26th October 2020
CCB report on a call by 150 NGOs to call on EU institutions to end the development of hydropower stations. They say it goes against the European Green Deal biodiversity goals. They quote a study which shows that 93% of European freshwater migratory fish have been lost since 1970, due partly to hydropower pants which, they say don’t contribute much in terms of energy.
https://ccb.se/2020/10/ngos-call-on-the-eu-to-end-support-for-new-hydropower/

Survey for stakeholders: the landing obligation in the Baltic and North Seas
Dear stakeholder,
With this email we kindly invite you to take part in an online questionnaire entitled “Landing Obligation management and control measures in the Baltic and North Seas”. Please access the questionnaire via this link: https://nl.surveymonkey.com/r/Test2DCYJ7S
This questionnaire is part of the EASME/EMFF/2018/1.3.2.4 – Lot 1 – SC02 study project “Synthesis of the landing obligation measures and discard rates”, carried out by a consortium consisting of scientific institutes from 8 countries in the Baltic and North Seas region. The consortium is contracted by the European Commission’s Executive Agency for Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (EASME), on behalf of the Directorate General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE). The present survey is intended to complement the Landing Obligation (LO) workshop held on June 9th and 10th 2020.

The aim of this questionnaire is to gather stakeholder’s knowledge and perception on the success and drawbacks of the current management and control measures with respect to the Landing Obligation (LO).

Responses will be anonymous. The survey should only take 15 minutes of your time.

Please respond before November 20th, 2020.

Consortium: Wageningen Marine Research (WMR), Wageningen Economic Research (WEcR), MRAG Limited Europe; MRAG Limited; Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas); Research institute for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (ILVO), Johann Heinrich von Thünen-Institute: Federal Research Institute of Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries (TI), Technical University of Denmark (DTU), National Marine Fisheries Research Institute (NMFRI), Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences (SLU) and Institute of Food Safety, Animal Health and Environment (BIOR)

**Swedish Fishermen PO overview of the Council decisions for fishery 2021**
It’s in Swedish, but a good layout and overview of the decisions, in terms of volumes, the closure areas and the periods to protect the cod, the rules for recreational fisheries, and the figures in terms of percentage increases/decreases. In Swedish:
https://www.havochvatten.se/arkiv/nytt-om-fiskeregler/2020-10-20-ostersjons-fiskekvoter-for-2021-klara.html

**WWF on the missed 2020 biodiversity targets**
19th October 2020
Despite significant efforts undertaken, biodiversity continues its rapid decline across the EU, finds a new report published by the European Environment Agency (EEA).
https://www.wwf.eu/what_we_do/oceans/?uNewsID=979916

**WWF recently issued a report calling for a ban of trawling: Danish Fishermen PO react**
In the Danish Fishing news 17th October, 2020, Danish Fishermen PO representatives Michael Andersen and Allan Buch reply and comment on the report. They point out that the eastern Baltic cod stock is in difficulties, but it’s not due to trawling. The highlight the problems caused by seals and seal worm, as well as other external factors influencing the stocks (e.g. pollution, nutrients, wind farms etc.). The issue should be seen in its entirety.

WWF report: