



## DRAFT AGENDA

**Objective of the workshop:** To build on current knowledge and previous discussions on how to deal with seal-fisheries interactions within HELCOM, BALTFISH, BSAC to develop proposals for how the issue could be brought forward within the HELCOM context.

### **08.30 registration**

**9.00 -9.15 Opening and introduction**, including work of the HELCOM Fish Group – Mr. Markus Helavuori, HELCOM Secretariat

**09:15-10:00 Theme 1:** Presentation of the issue and current HELCOM activities on the matter

- Presentation of activities of the HELCOM Expert Group on Marine Mammals (EG MAMA). Reference to the HELCOM Recommendation 27-28/2 on Conservation of Seals in the Baltic Sea Area, in relation to the Habitats Directive – Ms. Jannica Haldin, HELCOM Secretariat
- Presentation on seal population growth, target setting for Good Environmental Status (GES), distribution and perspectives for the future, including HELCOM HOLAS II assessment – Anders Galatius, Chair of EG MAMA

**10:00-10:20 Coffee break**

**10: 20-12:30 Theme 2:** Views and presentations from other fora and initiatives on how to deal with issues related to seal-fisheries interactions

- Experiences from the Swedish seal fisheries programmes and general information on problems caused by seals to fishermen – Mr. Sven-Gunnar Lunneryd
- Baltic Sea Seal and Cormorant TNC Project and possible future solutions – Mr. Esko Taanila
- Outcome of the BALTFISH Symposium on interactions between seals, fish and fisheries in the Baltic Sea, main outcomes and possible solutions – Ms. Gry Sagebakken, BALTFISH Presidency;
- How could the question of seal-fisheries interactions addressed? – Mr. Nils Höglund, chair of BSAC EBM group
- Experiences beyond the Baltic Sea. Are there problems with seals and fisheries and how are they dealt with? – (TBC).

**12:30- 13:30 lunch**

**13:30-14:50 Theme 3:**

- Introduction to the group discussion, summary of presentations and clarification of tasks (Katarzyna Kamińska & Nils Höglund)

**Group work (2-4 groups depending on number of participants):** Available solutions and next steps, including the role of HELCOM, Contracting Parties and other organizations

**14:50-15:10 Coffee break**

**15:10- 16:00 Next steps:**

- Presentation of the outcome from the group discussions
- Discussion on next steps based on the outcome of the Workshop.

**16.00 End of the Workshop**