

CCB Seminar on the future of Baltic salmon management, 8-9 December 2011, Älvkarleby, Sweden

CCB invites you to a seminar about Baltic salmon management on the 8th (noon) -9th (noon) of November 2011.

The Goal of the CCB seminar is:

- latest updates, views and comments on the EC Baltic Salmon Management Plan, presented by EC in August 2011
- focused presentations and discussion on important management measures for salmon river management, such as determining TAC in rivers, measures to protect and monitor weak stocks
- lessons learnt in efforts to restore salmon rivers and reintroduce salmon

Speaker and participants will come from European Commission, ICES, national and local authorities, experts from Ireland, and Sweden and Baltic NGOs

In the afternoon of 9th December 2011 an excursion will be organized (more details will come later).

We foresee participation from DG Mare DG Environment, Swedish Ministry of Fisheries, Baltic region national Fisheries Boards, ICES WG BAST, fisheries sector, Baltic NGOs including anglers and other stakeholders interested in salmon management. We also expect participants from Russia and Belarus.

CCBs seminar will be held **back to back with another seminar**, organized by the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (formerly Swedish Board of Fisheries) and the **Swedish Flagship project, related to Sustainable fisheries under the EU Baltic Sea Strategy, to "Investigate phasing out large scale salmon stocking programmes"** (which also is proposed as measures in the new EC salmon management plan)

This seminar on the phasing out of large scale stocking programmes will be organized, at the same location, the **7**th-**8**th **December 2011** (lunch to lunch) and it is therefore possible for participants interested in this subject to attend in this seminar as well as this is highly relevant for salmon management in the Baltic Sea, and relevant for the EU management plan proposal. *A registration form and programme etc for this meeting will be sent out separately.*

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A draft programme for the seminar is attached. A more detailed agenda with all speakers and practical information will be distributed soon.

CCB Seminar:

Main focus for seminar: presentations and discussion on important management measures for salmon river management plans. To update participants on the current situation on Baltic salmon and the planned long-term Baltic salmon management plan.

Expected outcome: a first draft common position on what main elements all salmon river management plans must contain to meet all needs for the wild Baltic salmon and Baltic countries needs.

When: from noon on the 8th of December and end noon the 9th

Where: Älvkarleby, Sweden (Close to the city of Gävle, 130 km north of Stockholm airport)

Älvkarleby is at the river mouth on one of the largest rivers in Sweden, Dalälven (150 km north of Stockholm) The river is heavily affected by hydropower and the salmon and sea trout stocks are almost completely gone. Large scale stocking has been going on here for decades, but also research related to rearing and releasing of salmonides.

How to get there: Stockholm Arlanda airport is about 1 hour and 15 minutes away. Train is the best choice from airport leaving at 9:57 (arrive 11:11) or 11:57 (arrive 13:11). Buss 502 will take you from station to the conference center and hotel. If necessary, taxi transport to Älvkarleby Turist and Konferens hotell, can be arranged.

Where to stay: We will arrange for accommodation in Älvkarleby Turist and Konferens hotell or nearby. Because of limited funds we will not be able to take expenses for all participants. All official participants and participants from national authorities are expected to cover their own travels and accommodation expenses. Please contact us for details. More information on costs will come soon.

Registration: Please send email with all contact information and travel details via the attached registration form <u>no later than Monday the 28th of November</u> but please let us know as soon as possible if you intend to come to the seminar. **The number of seats at this seminar is limited to 40 participants.**