

Annotated BALTFISH FORUM agenda (25.1.2012 from 12.45 - 17.00, coffee at 15.00)

1. Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

Regionalisation in the proposal of the European Commission as basis for BALTFISH activities in the future

Regionalisation is the basis for the activities of BALTFISH. A discussion on the regionalisation elements (Articles 17-24 under Title III) of the CFP proposal is therefore appropriate. The Finnish BALTFISH presidency therefore looks for a discussion with comments by all participants (Member States, DG MARE, HELCOM, ICES, BSRAC) concerning the following issues:

- *Are the regionalisation elements (multiannual plans and technical measures) in the proposal sufficient as a basis for BALTFISH activities?*
- *Should and could the Basic Regulation in greater detail specify the competence areas for regionalisation and should regionalisation bodies be mentioned in the Regulation?*
- *Is the role of the Advisory Councils (e.g. BSRAC) appropriate as proposed in Articles 52-54?*

Landing obligation, mandatory Transferable Fishing Concessions (TFC) and other CFP reform issues

The Finnish BALTFISH presidency looks for a discussion with comments by all participants on the following issues:

- *Should the landing obligation cover all regulated Baltic fish stocks (Baltic herring, sprat, cod and salmon) and are reference sizes as a general rule appropriate?*
- *Is a full documentation of fishing activities a necessary element of a landing obligation?*
- *Is an obligation to apply TFCs appropriate and necessary?*

2. Proposal for a long-term management of Baltic salmon stocks

The Finnish BALTFISH presidency looks for a discussion with comments by all participants on some elements of the proposal as follows:

- *Should the Council try to reach a common view during 2012 to start the discussion with the EP or should it await an adoption of the Basic Regulation?*
- *Should technical measures such as discard elimination provisions be included in the proposal?*
- *How can we reduce discards of undersized salmon in long-lining?*

3. Any other business

- *The Presidency informs on the plans for the next meeting*