

# Invitation

To the members of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries

When: 2012-02-28, 12.30-14.00

Where: ASP 5G-1, European parliament, Brussels

Sandwiches will be offered at the meeting

## From the brink of collapse to MSY in 7 years.

**Success stories in fisheries management and sustainable fisheries.**

**Carl Haglund, Vice President of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries and member of the BalticSea2020 welcome you to a seminar on fisheries initiatives that are strongly contributing to the proposed objectives of the reformed CFP.**

7 years ago the Baltic Sea was a byword for failed fisheries. Cod stocks had collapsed and illegal fishing was rampant.

Today, cod stocks are returning to abundance and governments set cod quotas in line with scientific advice. Profits for fishermen are rising as fish stocks rise. Success is possible and more could be achieved through the new Common Fisheries Policy.

The main focus of the meeting is to highlight successful aspects of the fisheries management in the Baltic area as a basis for the CFP reform. The background to the successful cod recovery plan is presented as well as the regional role for the governmental regional coordinating fisheries group, BALTFISH. Also the Danish catch quota system to reduce discards in mixed fisheries and handle control will be presented.

There will also be a presentation by a producer organization fishing on the MSY certified Eastern Baltic Cod stock. They are following a Code of Conduct that includes landing marine litter, developing use of selective gears and reducing ghost nets combined with a philosophy of transparent fishing operations to regain trust.

We hope you find this interesting.

### Agenda

- Welcome, Mr Carl Haglund, Vice President of the European Parliament's Committee on Fisheries and member of the BalticSea2020
- The success of the Baltic Cod Recovery plan and the future role of BALTFISH? Mr Robert Andrén, Swedish ministry for Rural affairs
- Catch quota management in context of the CFP proposal, Mr Mogens Schou, Danish ministers advisor on fisheries and aquaculture
- Swedish Cod Fisheries Producer Organization. Presentation of the challenge and ambitions for fishermen to get involved fishery management with code of conduct and transparent fisheries operations, Mr Staffan Larsson