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Fishermen in fishery management

- Long history of self-management with focus on market issues
- Resource management challenge
- CFP – micro management of one size fits all
- Lack of trust and alienation - fishermen legally incompetent



The STPO agenda

- Pro-active in fishery management for long term sustainable fishery
- Transparent fishing operations
- Develop appropriate fishing gears and methods – selective - reducing environmental impact (selection of gear and boat size - fishermen's choice)
- Solidarity and fairness in distribution of fishing opportunities
- Balance the fishing capacity with available resources
- Promote a market profile and brand including eco-labeled cod



Cod – from threatened fishery to optimized harvest

- Threatened stock
 - *Management plan*
 - Biological safe level *Eco-labeled*
 - Biological safe level buffer
 - Optimize harvest

Cooperation with scientists

A photograph of a fishing net being pulled across the water. The net is a long, narrow strip of mesh, and it is being pulled from the foreground towards the background. The water is dark and has some ripples. In the sky, there are several birds flying, possibly seagulls or terns. The overall scene is somewhat overcast and misty.

- Create a common vision for the future fishery
- Cooperate in finding new knowledge
- Collection of data
- Develop better and appropriate fishery

Develop the concept of fish harvest

harvest fish produced by nature

Starting point from the fishermen's perspective

Best revenue from allocated annual quota

- Optimize use for highest income
- Minimize costs



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Optimize income

Harvesting fish of the right size, in the right way at the right moment...

- Better knowledge of the recruitment and migration
- Selective fishing – selective practice and gear
focus on $MLS > 40 \text{ cm}$
- Supply the market just in time – part of a supply chain and production system
- Image – Eco-label and consumer confidence



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Minimize costs

- Strong stocks gives better catch per unit effort => optimal MSY
- Develop fishing gear to reduce fuel consumption



Fishing Sweden's most dangerous trade

Sustainable fisheries and fishermen



- Safe and decent working conditions – possibility to survive a life time
- Safety at sea
- Appropriate platform for handling of gear and fish

Result based adaptive fishery management relevant for regional and seasonal conditions

**Make best use of available knowledge and resources from
scientists and fishermen**

- Create common vision for future fisheries**

⇒ Common views on needs for measures

⇒ Relevant and applicable measures in each situation

⇒ Better legitimacy

⇒ Better compliance