

Gear development in Sweden

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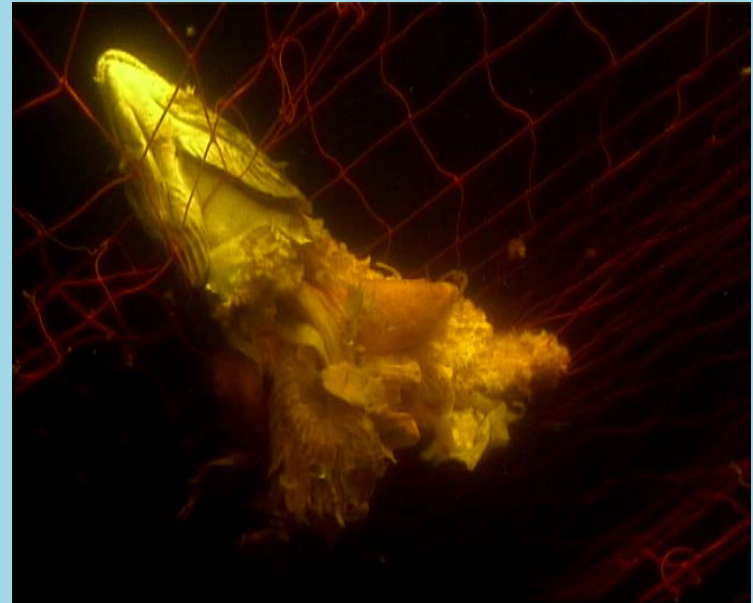


Bothnian Bay 1997



Older salmon traps dinner table for seals

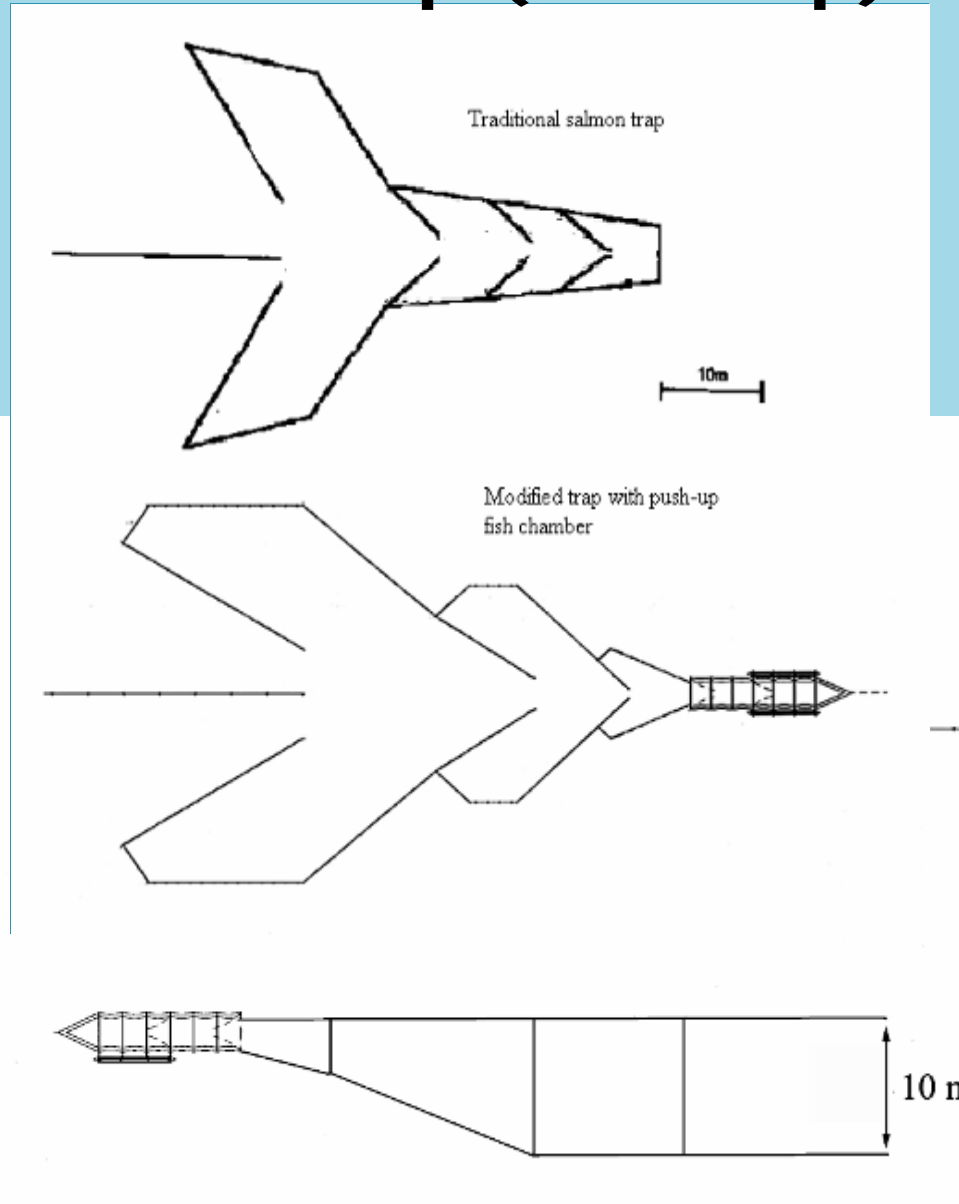
- Annual recurring
- Energy rich fish
- Just to pick and eat

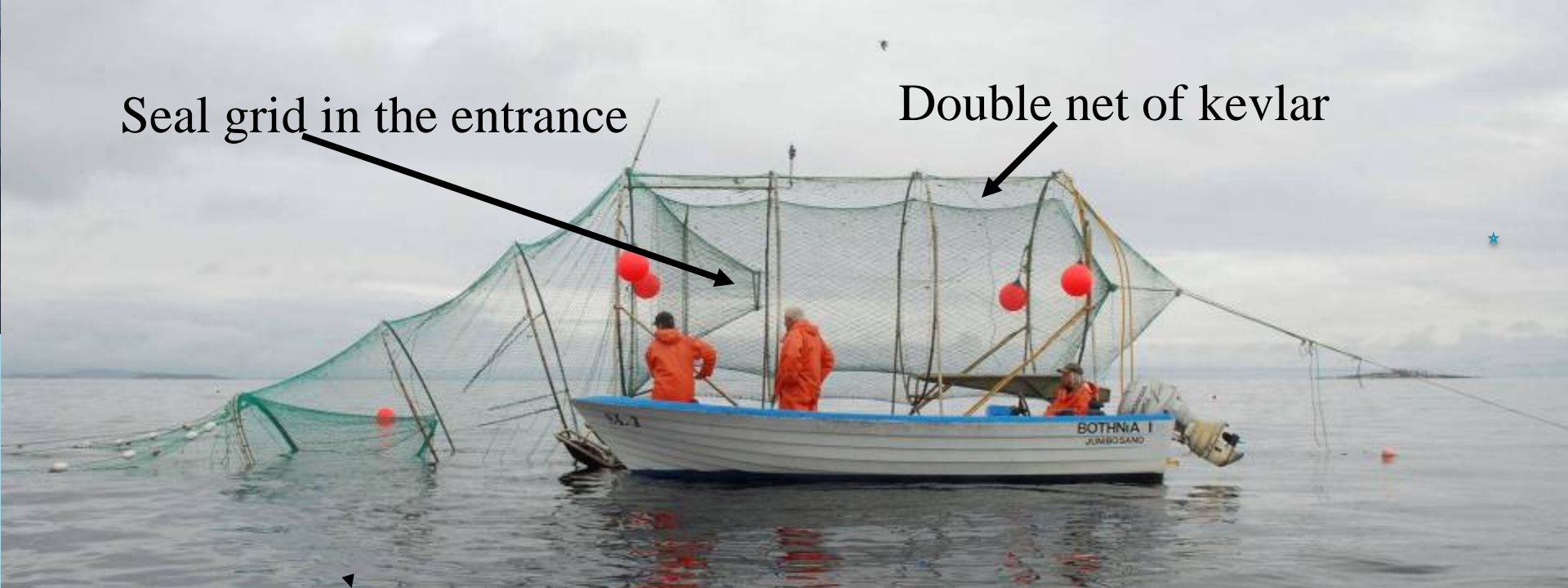


Salmon traps, large (several hundred meters)



The Pontoon trap (Push-up) trap





Developed of the company Harmånger Maskin o Marin, fishermen and Programme Seal and Fishery (Board of fishermen, county administrations, other authorities and researcher

- Today more than 600 traps in use in Sweden and Finland
- More or less sealsafe
- Infrequent lifting compared with older
- Less fuel consumption and other cost
- Ergonomic improvement
- Fish chamber cleaned simply

But expensive, today between 8 000 to 16 000 Euro

- subsidies for the purchase
- up to 80% of the costs for the first traps (In Sweden, accepted by the EU)
- But without the trap the coastal fishery had been more or less extinct in north Baltic



Small Push-up trap for pike-perch



- **Pontoon trap for herring**





Final

- **Development of traps and pots are the only realistic way**
- **(Alongside with culling of seals)**
- **to achieve harmony between man and seals**