

Information and Provisional Agenda for the BALTFISH Meeting

Place: Riga, Latvia, premises of the Ministry of Agriculture (Republikas laukums 2)

Dates: 27-28 August, 2013.

Duration:

- BALTFISH Forum 11:00- 17:00 on 27 August;
- High Level Group meeting 9:00- 14:00 on 28 August.

Registration: Please confirm your participation for the meeting by sending an email to Mrs. Ginta Pērle- Sīle (ginta.perle@zm.gov.lv; +371 67027807) and copy to Mr. Atis Rektiņš (atis.rektins@zm.gov.lv; +371 67027349) by 22 August at the latest.

General Aim of the Meeting: to discuss the common solutions and appropriate actions between relevant authorities in the fisheries management and other stakeholders for implementation of the new initiatives developed within reformed EU Common Fisheries Policy including its' facilitation by appropriate EMFF support measures.

Agenda for Forum 27.08.:

1. Discards: Presentation by Denmark of updated BALTFISH document and further discussions on its' content, state of play on discards by the Commission, way forward issues – special meeting on discard control, industry (POs') involvement and support measures (EMFF) necessary for discard ban implementation, work to be done for formalization of the discard paper;
2. Memorandum of understanding on work principles of BALTFISH: practical experience so far within Forum and High level group meetings, update as regards CFP reform, discussion and suggestions for amendments and way forward;
3. Baltic Sea TAC and Quota for 2014: information by Latvian Presidency on status of BALTFISH considerations for preparation of joint recommendation;
4. Issue of future financing of Regional Advisory Councils (initiated by BS RAC): information by BS RAC& discussions;

Agenda for HLG Meeting 28.08.:

1. Discards: outcome from Forum on 27.08.;
2. Baltic Sea TAC and Quota for 2014: further considerations for achievement of joint recommendation;
3. Memorandum of understanding on work principles of BALTFISH: conclusions from Forum on 27.08., possibilities of EMFF support and other financing issues, moving to Memorandum finalization and preparation for signatures;
4. Multiannual management plans: state of play, information from the Commission, way forward as regards certain species (pelagic species, salmon, cod).