

***BALTFISH technical meeting on the control  
of the discard ban in the Baltic Sea***

**23 September 2013**

**Venue: Bundesanstalt für Landwirtschaft und Ernährung  
22765 Hamburg  
Haubachstraße 86  
3rd floor, Meeting Room 326**

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**Agenda**

- 10h00 Welcome (*LV Presidency, Host Germany*)
- 10h10 Report on the BALTFISH Forum and HLG in Riga, 27.-28. August 2013:  
Discard ban implementation - Technical measures and control issues  
(*LV Presidency*)
- 10h30 Report on the Technical workshop in Brussels on the results of the project: Lot1  
- Collaboration between the scientific community and the fishing sector to  
minimise discards in Baltic cod fisheries MARE/2010/11, 4. September 2013  
(*Commission – DG MARE*)
- 10h50 Outline of main elements of the planned Discard Omnibus Regulation  
(*Commission – DG MARE*)
- 11h15 coffee break
- 11h45 Debate on discards control: approach and methods (*Chair: LV Presidency*)
- Elements necessary for an effective control
  - Possible amendments to the Omnibus regulation: e. g. minimum landing  
size regulation, minimum marketing standards regulation
  - Costs of control
  - How to handle exemptions of the discard ban? Species with a high  
survival rate, specific fishing gear (e.g. trap-nets, creels/pots)?
- 13h00 Closing of morning session
- 13h15 Lunch
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- From 14h00 Coffee available
- 14h15 Debate (continued)
- 15h30 Conclusions of the meeting (Chair)
- 16h00 Meeting adjourned