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Dear members,

Don't forget to follow the website in-between news, both for BSAC meetings and external events. That's where any relevant meetings are being uploaded:

<http://www.bsac.dk/>

BSAC news and meetings and other ACs

Membership payments for 2017-2018

Not too much nagging on my side required (!), thank you members for sending payments

Four members are outstanding. My lips are sealed

From the BSAC Executive Committee meeting 15th November 2016

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/Executive-Committee>

From the BSAC working group on Technical Measures 15th December 2016

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/Working-group-on-technical-measures>

Coming meetings under BSAC

Executive Committee meeting 31st January 2017

Everyone has signed up, deadline expired, revised agenda available here:

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BSAC-Executive-Committee>

ExCom members have the attachments

BSAC-BALTFISH-EFCA workshop on the Landing Obligation Thursday 9th March 2017

A draft agenda is in the making and will be discussed with the Executive Director of the EFCA next week.

Despite lack of agenda, please let me know asap if you intend to take part.

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/BSAC-meetings/BALTFISH-BSAC-EFCA-Workshop-on-implementation-of-t>

The link to the hotel is on the website, if you think you will need a room. If so, don't leave it too long: In fact, get on with it.

BSAC sub-group on ecosystem based management Tuesday 28th March 2017 Copenhagen

To be confirmed by Executive Committee Tentative invitation sent to ICES expert to come and say a few words.

Stakeholder meeting with MEP Gabriel Mato about technical measures	25 th January 2017, Brussels (two hour session only, in camera, no webstreaming)	Michael Andersen (repl. BSAC chair), Nils Höglund
Eurofish: 16th Governing Council	26 th -27 th January 2017, Copenhagen	Sally Clink (invited)
WKBaltSalmon: Benchmark Workshop on Baltic Salmon, (Salmon 22-31 Salmon 32)	30 Jan-3 Feb 2017 ICES Chgn	Salmon 22-31 Salmon 32 Nils Höglund
BSAC Executive Committee	31 st January 2017, Warsaw	ExCom members
WKBALT: Benchmark workshop on Baltic stocks	6-10 February 2017, ICES Chgn	Cod 3a/SD21 Michael Andersen Herring SDs 30+31 Pehr Eriksson

Baltic Checkpoint stakeholder meeting	14-15 February 2017, Brussels	Reine Johansson, Jan Isakson
BSAC-BALTFISH-EFCA workshop on the Landing Obligation	9 th March 2017, Hamburg airport	BSAC members invited, as well as Baltfish Member States

A new colleague at WWF Poland

Justyna Zajchowska will be working as a specialist on sustainable fisheries. She'll be working for WWF only part time and continue her work on Pew's Ending Overfishing Campaign. She may cover some of the BSAC work, especially focusing on cod related issues.

BALTFISH/Member States

BALTFISH MEETINGS 27TH-28TH APRIL 2017, Berlin – but to be confirmed and announced
Forum meeting 27th April

Commission/EU European Parliament / Control Agency news and meetings

The 23rd January Council meeting: the fisheries bit

The Maltese Presidency said it will work towards the adoption of a number of key legislative texts, including various **multi-annual plans**, **external fishing fleets** and **technical measures**. We're informed that one of the "A" items for fisheries was the amendment of the Baltic TACs/quotas regulation to include the exemption for fishing vessels below 12 metres and from 12 to 15 metres with VMS from the closure period in the western Baltic 1st February - 31st March 2017. In addition, the Commission will allow 10% of landings of cod, salmon and plaice.

The next PECH Committee meeting Wednesday, 25 January from 15:00 to 18:30 and **Thursday, 26 January** from 9:00 to 12:30

In addition to electing the chair and four vice chairs of the Committee, there will be an exchange of views with the Maltese Presidency. No Baltic points or the Agenda, nor the technical measures proposal. Agenda here: [http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201701/PECH/PECH\(2017\)0125_1/sitt-3789880](http://www.emeeeting.europarl.europa.eu/committees/agenda/201701/PECH/PECH(2017)0125_1/sitt-3789880)

European Control Agency Advisory board: early warning

Next meeting Friday 3rd March 2017, Brussels

Maritime Spatial Planning UNESCO DG MARE conference: 15th -17th March 2017, Paris

This will deal with the focal role of MSP in the context of global marine issues:

<http://www.msp2017.paris/>

The Commission on the landing obligation: a new web site

It's a website with links to all sorts of projects being run in connection with discards and the landing obligation:

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/cfp/fishing_rules/landing-obligation-in-practice_en

Other meetings – non EU - not exhaustive

The BIG meeting – apologies from Piotr Gruszka (received 5th December 2016)

Piotr Gruszka sent a report from an October seminar on MSP within the Baltic InterGrid project

From the Marelitt conference 1st December 2017: removing derelict fishing gear from the Baltic

Already reported on by BSAC Secretariat, But check out what happened here and find some of the presentations:

<http://www.anpdm.com/newsletterweb/4447504A7847475D4570424259/42455B4079434A5C4A7342425B4071>

or here:

<https://www.marelittbaltic.eu/news/>

Meeting at the Danish AgriFish Agency at the CFP Dialogue Forum 5th January 2017

My report attached for members, as well as the referred to study on the Landing Obligation (in Danish only) 

The Annual ICES meetings: with the Advisory Councils and the MIAC meeting with stakeholders 19th - 20th January 2017

My report for members. Several good presentations and background documents: contact Secretariat. The ICES press release here:

<http://www.ices.dk/news-and-events/news-archive/news/Pages/Sharing-advice-with-recipients-and-observers.aspx>

Taste fish



ICES workshop cod assessment 1st-2nd March 2017: reminder

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Received an invitation to the ICES Workshop on **Biological Input to Eastern Baltic Cod Assessment (WKBEBCA)**, to be held in Gothenburg, Sweden, 1-2 March 2017. The workshop is open to all interested parties and registration should go direct to ICES.

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/External-events/WKBEBKA-Workshop-on-Biological-Input-to-Eastern-B>

From ICES: Coming meetings: pressure maps on seabed habitats: February and March 2017

ICES has received a request from the European Commission for guidance on how pressure maps of fishing intensity contribute to an assessment of the state of seabed habitats. This includes an exploration of the trade-off between the space fished with bottom trawls and catch landed. The request will be answered through the traditional ICES advice process, using previous advice and the input from three workshops.

- WKBENTH will further refine the methods for estimating benthic impacts of fishing gear. <http://ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKBENTH.aspx> from the 28 February until the 03 March 2017 in the ICES Headquarters in Copenhagen
- WKSTAKE will begin explorations of the approaches and consequences of the analysis with stakeholders. <http://ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKSTAKE.aspx> on 23 March 2017 in the ICES Headquarters in Copenhagen
- WKTRADE will look at specific cases of the trade-off between benthic impact and catch. <http://ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKTRADE.aspx> from the 28-31 March 2017 at the Dan Hostel, Vejlands Allé 200, Ørestad, Copenhagen

Participation is open, although participation is conditional on meeting room capacity. ICES and its partner organisations are keen to encourage participation of relevant experts and **specifically stakeholders in WKSTAKE**. The workshops will consider the following regions the Baltic Sea, NE Atlantic, Black Sea, Mediterranean. We have been asked to publicise these workshops across networks.

Please send names of participants to Sarah Millar (sarah-louise.millar@ices.dk) at the ICES secretariat.

Best regards

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All gathered here:

<http://www.bsac.dk/Meetings/External-events/Three-ICES-workshops-evaluating-trade-offs-between>

The Discardless project: Stakeholder Conference 9th -10th March 2017, Rome

From Clara Ulrich, DTU Aqua: Time has passed since you last heard from us in the DiscardLess project. The project is approaching the end of its first half. It is developing well, in line with our workplan, and we have just been positively evaluated by the European Commission. Many results are becoming available. A newsletter on these is just to be released in the coming days, that I will send you.

I am pleased to inform you that we are hosting a **high-level Stakeholders conference on 9-10 March 2017** in FAO, Rome, on the subject "*What can Science do to help with the Landing Obligation? An update on what we know about discards and about the strategies to reduce them*". The Conference itself is planned to start at 13.00 on Thursday 9th and finish at 13.00 on Friday 10th, but a specific workshop for the Mediterranean Sea is proposed to be held on Thursday morning. The program is being finalised and will be announced soon.

We would very much appreciate to have participants from the ACs to this conference, although I am well aware that the dates might coincide with some of your own AC meetings. For those interested to participate, please contact me and my colleague Lis Vinther Elmsted (lvi@aquadtu.dk)

<http://www.discardless.eu/>

Seafood Expo 25th-27th April 2017 Brussels

<http://view.diversifiedemail.com/?qs=007aa1562eda973efe575e0fa61f128c0bb92c086d979f3eabfb7cb9cfcb2628230d7e765960c6b31526790e6a566306fe7a7c954e197d38c3978bd99afe8b1295fc331b558cc9de>

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Other information/reading

Reported in last news 2016 but just to make sure you see it: To give more insight to what has been happening in Sweden with the new management framework for the demersal fisheries

<http://blogs.edf.org/edfish/2016/12/09/working-together-to-address-challenges-in-swedish-fisheries/>

Seafood Source News 11th January 2017 also about Sweden and its new fisheries management

<http://www.seafoodsource.com/news/environment-sustainability/sweden-leads-the-pack-with-new-fishery-management-system>

Will seafood still be on the menu on 2050? Seafood Source December 21st 2016

http://www.seafoodsource.com/commentary/seafood-will-still-be-on-the-menu-in-2050?utm_source=informz&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter&utm_content=newsletter

The Fisheries Secretariat news 4th January 2017 reporting on the BSAC ExCom meeting on 15th November 2016

<http://www.fishsec.org/2017/01/04/hypocrisy-of-the-bottom-trawling-fleet/>

The Fisheries Secretariat news 3rd January 2017 on prospects for BALTFISH

<http://www.fishsec.org/2017/01/03/germany-promises-move-towards-a-more-transparent-baltfish/>

Coalition Clean Baltic on 22nd December on Swedish initiative to reduce plastics in the Baltic

<http://www.ccb.se/2016/12/the-swedish-government-looking-to-reduce-plastic-in-the-sea/>

Coalition Clean Baltic on 29th December 2016 reported on Sweden designating a Natura 2000 area

<http://www.ccb.se/2016/12/sweden-designates-large-natura-2000-area-for-the-baltic-sea-harbour-porpoise/>

The Thünen Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries has received funding to study the German small gillnet fishery in the Baltic

<https://www.thuenen.de/en/of/news-and-service/detail-news/news/detail/News/project-stella-institute-of-baltic-sea-fisheries-receives-112-mill-EUR-funding-for-transdisciplinar/>

The University of Copenhagen has produced a study into German tourist anglers' preferences for angling in Denmark

http://curis.ku.dk/ws/files/167914128/IFRO_WP_2016_10.pdf

From the European Anglers Association 18th January 2017: European Parliament supports the development of recreational fisheries tourism

<http://www.eaa-europe.org/news/10250/the-european-parliament-supports-the-development-of-sustainable-recreational-fisheries-tourism-activities.html>

Assessing marine Ecosystem services of German waters

<http://www.eucc-d.de/meldung-detail/items/assessing-marine-ecosystem-services-of-the-german-coastal-waters.html>

From DG Mare website a tender (two LOTs) on the Common fisheries policy and Integrated maritime policy

<https://etendering.ted.europa.eu/cft/cft-display.html?cftId=2085>

Commission: study on subsidies in the fisheries sector

<https://bookshop.europa.eu/en/study-on-the-subsidies-to-the-fisheries-aquaculture-and-marketing-and-processing-subsectors-in-major-fishing-nations-beyond-the-eu-pbKL0716160/>

Eat more fish: an information letter for the Danish speakers from the Secretariat “Fisheries Branch” under the Danish Fishermen PO: it’s not just about eating more fish, but eat more Danish fish

<http://www.2gangeomugen.dk/>

Eight scientists talk about Marine Protected Areas (posted 3rd January 2017)

<http://cfooduw.org/8-scientists-talk-mpas/>

Eufoma from December – a case study on Swedish preserve herring

<http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/22933/Monthly+Highlights+-+N.12-2016.pdf#page=8>

A Eufoma report: EU consumer habits for fishery and aquaculture products

http://www.eumofa.eu/documents/20178/84590/EU+consumer+habits_final+report+.pdf

United Nations report on marine debris

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=55724#.WIh2VWczWfA>

Then do something about plastic: support the organisation Plastic Change

Marine biologist Henrik Beha Pedersen gave a really good talk at the Danish aquarium Blue Planet on Monday 23rd January 2017. He talked about the enormous load of plastic that’s floating around the oceans, being washed up ashore and then being eaten by birds and other wildlife. We don’t yet know about the long-term effects of plastics to human kind – research is going into it. But he encouraged everyone to do something now: either dispose of plastic items properly, or change over to other biodegradable materials. Check out their website here:

<http://plasticchange.org/>

The EU fishing fleet Annual report 2016

This publication summarises the key findings of the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) ‘2016 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet’. It provides additional insight on recent trends in economic performance of the EU fleet and the potential drivers behind them, with supplementary analyses by main fishing region and type of fishing activity. It also includes evidence from recent studies and market analysis

http://bookshop.europa.eu/en/the-eu-fishing-fleet-pbKLAQ16001/?newsletter_id=114&utm_source=mare_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MA RE%20&utm_content=The%20EU%20fishing%20fleet%20-%20Trends%20and%20economic%20results&lang=en

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Studies on subsidies

This study collates and standardises information on the value and scope of subsidies to the catching, aquaculture, and marketing and seafood processing subsectors in six of the major fishing nations beyond the EU - Japan, South Korea, China, the Russian Federation, Taiwan and the United States.

https://bookshop.europa.eu/en/study-on-the-subsidies-to-the-fisheries-aquaculture-and-marketing-and-processing-subsectors-in-major-fishing-nations-beyond-the-eu-pbKL0716160/?newsletter_id=114&utm_source=mare_newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=MARE%20&utm_content=Study%20on%20the%20subsidies%20to%20the%20fisheries,%20aquaculture,%20and%20marketing%20and%20pro&lang=en

More about LIFE and its position on ITQs (referred to last December News 16)

<http://fishingnews.co.uk/news/reject-itqs-urges-eu-inshore-group/>

Not clear about who LIFE are? See the LIFE Platform (and spot Reine)

<http://lifeplatform.eu/>

They have made a series of tutorial films: (the films might not work first time round)

How to influence the EU decision-making process

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ySXaFsu9BD4>

The CFP

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oT5hkgsTQVg>

Advisory Councils

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZDDGGaIWU1M>

Intrafish Fisheries January – in two editions

There's lots of international news, as fits in with the Intrafish profile, and nothing Baltic.

But on EU administration: Reports on the fact that DG Mare gets a revamp and reshuffling, as it says, in a bid to sharpen its ability to make a difference in the EU and abroad. There is a directorate in charge of maritime policy and blue economy. An international directorate to deal with IUU fishing and ocean governance. The regional approach is maintained for managing the CFP and structural support. And the knowledge base is improved by creating so-called centres of excellence to deal with socio-economics, scientific advice data collection and fisheries control

How much is a cod worth? An interesting article on the fact that much of the money that could be made from fish landings is wasted due to lack of communication between different industries. There's an interview with Icelander Thor Sigfusson who is founder of Iceland Ocean Cluster: created to connect with different activity/interest groups to maximise the value of what's landed. This was all highlighted at an event in Copenhagen called Marel's Whitefish ShowHow, held in November 2016. According to the Icelander, the value chain should be working better together.

HELCOM meetings and news

Fourth Meeting of the Continuation of the Project for Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management (FISH-PRO II 4-2017), Tallinn, Estonia, 13-15 February 2017

More on the HELCOM website www.helcom.fi

Fishermen's health and safety