

Dear members,

The BSAC has moved – new address Axeltorv 3, 6th floor, 1609 Copenhagen V.

BSAC news and meetings and other ACs

ExCom meeting Thursday 29th June 2017

The meeting report isn't finalized yet.

A set of BSAC recommendations for the fishery 2018 will be sent to the Commission on Friday 7th July 2017 (deadline from the Commission) – it's still being dealt with internally with the deadline for comments the same day.

Commission message from 6th July 2017 on Consultation on fishing opportunities

Our annual consultation on fishing opportunities is now online and will be open until the 15 September:

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/fishing-opportunities-2018-under-common-fisheries-policy_en

We are looking forward to receiving your replies,

Kind regards,

Evangelia (Georgitsi)"

BALTFISH/Member States

The first meeting of BALTFISH under the Danish Presidency will be held on the 31st August 2017 in Copenhagen. The agenda will be ready mid-July. The ExCom will be contacted about taking part and sending representatives. We're informed that, apart from dealing with the proposals for TACs+quotas for 2018, there's a chance that Baltic salmon multiannual management may also come on the agenda.

On BALTFISH and transparency: It was agreed at the BSAC ExCom meeting on 29th June 2017 that the BSAC chair would write a letter to the incoming BALTFISH Presidency Denmark about transparency and to encourage the Danish Presidency to consider creating a BALTFISH page on the ministry website. Find the letter here:

<http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/Transparency-of-BALTFISH-activities>

Commission/EU European Parliament / Control Agency news and meetings

European Parliament public hearing on the "Consumption of fish in Europe" 21st June 2017 (but Brexit and the CFP came first)

This hearing came at the end of the first day of the June Pêche Committee meeting 21st-22nd June 2017. At the meeting, there was nothing on the technical measures dossier at that meeting. In the morning, there was a short **workshop on the CFP and Brexit** and all the aspects to deal with that: three academics were invited from Spain, France and Germany (from Thünen Institute) were invited to give input. The presentations dealt with the very complex legal aspects surrounding Brexit, the trade aspects between the UK and the EU, as well as the complex issues that surround quota swaps, zonal attachment and technical measures. The German academic Ralf Döring presented a case study for Germany and the German fleet which is fishing in UK waters. There were many concerns expressed by MEPs taking part. MEP Germany Ulrike Rodust is of the opinion that everyone is going to lose from this and it's important for all 27 MS to work together and find a solution; especially worries from her and MEP Sweden Linnea Engström about data collection and research: they need to continue with the involvement of the UK. It was very well attended, also MEPs from other Committees turning up, and feelings ran high. The Committee chairman Alain Cadec said that fisheries is going to be the sector most affected by Brexit. The major concern is that the negotiations end well for

everyone – both in the UK and outside - and that a common solution can be found. He thanked everyone for the rich debate and the calm behavior (he'd expected much worse). It's worth listening to this hearing:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/ep-live/en/committees/video?event=20170621-0900-COMMITTEE-PECH>

On consumption of fish in Europe: According to the Pêche Committee, it's important for consumers to know about the situation of the stocks on the market so that they can make a responsible choice when buying fish. This hearing reported on measures and instruments that enable them to know the state of the fisheries by encouraging them to consume fish species that are less well known but less exploited. Responsible action contributes to the restocking of most threatened species, and ensures health and well-being of the consumer.

Presentation by Sérgio Leandro, Deputy Director of the School of Tourism and Maritime Technology, Peniche, Portugal:

- Awareness of the consumer doesn't mean they want to know everything, only certain things are top of the list, such as "use by" date, whether the fish is wild or farmed and date of catch. Information from the store employees and fishmongers is really important
- Education is essential: on the quality of fish, on benefits of eating fish and the fact that aquaculture can help to reduce the pressure on the oceans
- Sustainability and seafood literacy are important
- Give some practical input, e.g. traditional and modern fish recipes

Presentation by José Carlos Rendón Gómez, President of APROMAR, Spain: AQUACULTURE

- EU aquaculture respects the environment and is socially acceptable, but it's not economically viable; whilst world aquaculture production is on the way up, it's stagnating in the EU!
- We need more product information and labelling to help the consumer choose; eco-labelling isn't enough
- The consumer in southern Europe is more interested in origin and freshness than certificates showing environmental responsibility
- Information is essential: for the young generation, on quality labels, and for the administration and on proximity of the source of the product

Presentation by Christien Absil, Director of Fisheries, Good Fish Foundation, Netherlands

This is all about the role of civil society.

- Takes a scientific approach: know about the stock situation and gears used, and know about aquaculture methods and feeds used
- What about human rights issues (working conditions and IUU fishing) and health (e.g. mercury)
- Read the labels: consumers are trusting the MSC and ASC labels
- But eco-labels are lacking at the fish counter and in restaurants
- What's need is information on origin and catch method
- Not everyone is following the EU labelling requirements
- NGOs have a role to play e.g. in promoting consumption of alien species and of underutilized species

Presentation by Christine Agrillo, Policy officer at Slow Food

This is an initiative (supported by EU funding) to prevent the disappearance of local food cultures and traditions

- Small-scale fishing and responsible fish consumption are key
- Think about the planet, buy fish in season, pollute less (e.g. buy local), discover new flavours, spend less on expensive species, don't buy under-sized fish, preserve traditions

Check out <http://slowfood.com/slowfish>

Check out all the presentations here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/pech/events-hearings.html?id=20170608CHE01781>

The next Pêche Committee is 12th July 9-12 and 15-18

And note: the vote on the technical measures dossier is POSTPONED – as requested by the rapporteur Gabriel Mato. There will be an exchange of views with Minister Siim Valmar Kiisler, Estonian Minister of Environment. There will also be a **EP Public Hearing on the ACs 12th July 2017 See here:**

On 12 July 2017 PECH Committee is organising a **public hearing on the role of Advisory Councils in the new regionalised Common Fisheries Policy**. PECH Members will listen to different presentations from

various experts on the subject and will have the opportunity to ask questions. The BSAC wasn't invited to take part at this. See agenda and speakers here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/pech/events-hearings.html?id=20170627CHE02063>

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/cmsdata/122501/Programme.pdf>

PECH Newsletter: Trawler – June 2017 prepared by the Secretariat of the Committee on Fisheries.

This document is available on PECH website:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/committees/en/pech/newsletters.html#menuzone>

Amending Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/117 establishing fisheries conservation measures for the protection of the marine environment in the Baltic Sea and repealing Regulation (EU) 2015/1778

This joint recommendation targets three NK2 sites in the DK part of the Baltic.

The EP has asked for two-month extension on deadline for hearing. So will that be 02.07.17 or 02.09.2017?

<https://ec.europa.eu/transparency/regdoc/rep/3/2017/EN/C-2017-1249-F1-EN-MAIN-PART-1.PDF>

The Delegated Regulation from 2016 is here:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32017R0117&from=EN>

It covers restricted areas: Coordinates of stone reef protection zones

It applies to Denmark, Germany and Sweden and, to a lesser extent Poland. Bottom contacting gear can't be used.

The amendment includes provisions for assessment of the measures in the regulation.

The European Council has drawn Conclusions on Blue Growth 26/06/2017

The Council adopted conclusions to support the sustainable development of European marine and maritime economies. It's about the vital role of oceans for life on earth, economic growth, employment and innovation and highlights that oceans and seas are facing increasing pressures and should be protected from the adverse consequences of climate change. Member states are invited to manage the oceans and seas sustainably, promote renewable resource efficiency and renewable energies, remove barriers to growth, boost investment and strengthen trade cooperation. The Council also calls for measures to ensure that outermost, peripheral, coastal and island regions are offered adequate growth opportunities. Member states should also work on supporting new technologies that contribute to the maritime economy and encourage closer cooperation between education and industry in order to help promote training and job opportunities. See here:

http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/press/press-releases/2017/06/26-council-conclusions-blue-growth/?amp;utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Council+conclusions+on+blue+growth

The Estonian Presidency kicked off on 1st July 2017

At the BSAC ExCom meeting 29th June 2017, Mart Undrest Estonian Fishermen's Federation, informed that the Estonian priorities for fisheries are twofold: firstly, TAC/quota regulations to be adopted by 2018. At the October Agriculture and Fisheries Council, the Presidency aims to adopt the **Baltic Sea fishing opportunities** and in December the **Black Sea fishing opportunities** and **fishing opportunities in EU waters and beyond**. The goal of the CFP to achieve the maximum sustainability yield by 2020 must be taken into account. Secondly, the Presidency aims to continue working on co-decision files: the management plans, trying to reach the general approach where possible. For the Presidency, it is important to restart discussions on the **Baltic Sea Salmon multi-annual management plan**, begun by the European Commission in 2011. It's very likely that some co-decision files will proceed to trilogies: the **North Sea management plan**, the **technical measures framework regulation** and possibly the proposal on the **sustainable management of external fishing fleet**.

The Presidency also plans to start discussions on the **future of the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF)** by organising, in cooperation with European Commission, a conference on the future of EMFF on 12th

– 13th October 2017. Stakeholders from all across the EU will meet and discuss how the EMFF is helping to support the implementation of the Common Fisheries Policy and Maritime Policy in the current programming period (2014-2020). The event will also give the opportunity to discuss the current and future challenges of coastal communities, as well as potential policy responses.

AGRIFISH Council dates:

- 17-18.07.2017 in Brussels
- 09.-10.10.2017 in Luxembourg
- 06.-07.11.2017 in Brussels
- 11.-12.12.2017 in Brussels

EU-Russia 3rd -6th July 2017 Brussels: who is there

The EU Russia meetings are taking place as we write. The BSAC is participating at the meetings as observer: Krzysztof Stanuch (National Chamber of Fish Producers). He reports that the meeting is going well and taking place in a good atmosphere. (report from him to follow). The agendas for the meeting are attached [./](#).

A New study on implementing the Sustainable Growth Agenda for the Baltic Sea Region 14th June 2017

Just launched! “Towards an implementation strategy for the Sustainable Blue Growth Agenda for the Baltic Sea Region,” presents the results of a systematic stakeholder dialogue in the region. Initiated by the European Commission in September 2016, the aim of the dialogue was to identify and discuss in greater depth the processes necessary to realise the Baltic Blue Growth Agenda in the coming years.

There’s an executive summary here:

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/sites/maritimeaffairs/files/docs/publications/issbgabsr-exec-summary_en.pdf

The full report 96 pages is here: See chapter 3 on the blue bio-economy: harvesting wild aquatic biomass and sustainable fish aquaculture.

https://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/content/new-study-implementing-sustainable-blue-growth-agenda-baltic-sea-region_en

Are sea levels rising?: From DG MARE 16th June 2017

How much are sea levels rising in your area? This map shows the potential impact of climate change on [#OurOcean](#), documenting sea level rises on Europe’s coastal populations. Yes, the red dots mean the situation is serious! Explore the interactive map of the seas in full here

http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeaffairs/atlas/maritime_atlas/#lang=EN;p=w;bkqd=5;theme=71:0.75,19:0.75,13:0.75,120:0.75

From DG MARE 28th June 2017: A Strategy on Plastics as part of the Circular Economy Action Plan

will be presented by the end of 2017; one of its components will address leakages of plastic to the environment. As inputs for the Strategy, the Commission has launched studies investigating all sources of micro-plastics and options to reduce their emissions. A public consultation to collect the views of stakeholders and citizens on the policy options to reduce micro-plastics entering the marine environment was launched, inter alia, to support one of these studies.

You can find the link to this public consultation below:

https://ec.europa.eu/info/consultations/public-consultation-investigating-options-reducing-releases-environment-microplastics_en

From EU Maritime & Fish: Enjoy sustainable seafood during your holidays

It’s a one page sheet with advice of what fish/seafood to eat, what to look out for and the fact that fish and seafood are nutritious:

https://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/sites/fisheries/files/docs/publications/2016-fish_en.pdf

European Fisheries Control Agency news

From the EFCA's five-year evaluation seminar and the EFCA Administrative Board meeting 20th and 21st June 2017

Please find attached a report from Staffan Larsson, Swedish Fishermen's Federation [./.](#)

The press release from the EFCA from the five-year evaluation is here. It contains the recommendation from the Administrative Board for the next five years of the work of the EFCA:

<https://www.efca.europa.eu/en/content/pressroom/administrative-board-recommendations>

FARNET: New report: Providing information on present and future EMFF support to small-scale coastal fisheries through FLAGS 5th July 2017

The report covers project funded under both the current and previous European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) programmes and is available on the FARNET website at the following link:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet2/library/technical-report/providing-information-present-and-future-emff-support-small-scale-coastal_en

Other meetings – non-EU - not exhaustive

From the People's Meeting/Folkemøde on Bornholm in June 2017 – a message from Andrzej Bialas, OCEANA

Andrzej Bialas writes: Just a small update about our Bornholm attendance should you want to include a follow up in the next issue of your newsletter (with an attached picture I think you will find amusing). On Bornholm we held a workshop about the protection of the Sound and took part in the morning debate (speakers included Svend-Erik Andersen from DFPO and Knud Andersen from the Living Seas) about benefits of creel fisheries. Apart from that we introduced people to Soren, the Baltic Cod Ambassador (picture attached) and talked about the importance of sustainable fisheries.

[And photo ./.](#)

The Danish regional workshop on five designated Natura 2000 sites designated for reefs, all in the North Sea. 27th June 2017 Copenhagen: Danish Agri-fish Agency

[Short Secretariat report attached ./.](#) Contact us for the power points.

Danish Ministry/AgriFish Agency meeting of the Dialogue Forum for Natura 2000 on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive will be on Thursday 28th September 2017, kl. 13:00-16:00.

Any items for the agenda should be given by 13th September 2017. BSAC Secretariat has registered to take part.

Other information/reading

EUFOMA News from the EUMOFA's Monthly Highlights No 5/2017

[EUMOFA's Monthly Highlights of EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Products No 5/2017](#) contains the official EU data and analysis of the sector's European sales, consumption, supply and trade as of May, 2017. In terms of Baltic interests, there's a focus on first sales for brill in selected countries, including Denmark (a remarkable increase in volume and value). It also reports on fish consumption in Denmark (Overall, per capita consumption in Denmark is below average in the EU. Denmark's per capita consumption of fish and seafood products in 2014 was 22,1 kg and decreased -7% from 2013. It was 13% lower than the EU average per capita consumption (25,5 kg), and 60% lower than the highest per capita consumption in the EU, 55,3 kg, which was registered in Portugal. It also reports that for Sprat, the Latvian National Fishermen's Producers Organization has achieved Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certification for their sprat fishery in the central

Baltic Sea. Sprat is one of several stocks included in a multi-annual management plan for the Baltic Sea. In 2016, the 11 Latvian member organisations landed 16.437 tonnes of sprat, representing approximately 8% of the EU quota for sprat in the Baltic Sea. The species are used almost exclusively for canning.

LIFE's Newsletter for May is here:

<http://lifeplatform.eu/news-deck-may-2017/>

FARNET latest news from 16th June 2017: the European Fisheries Areas Network

<http://flashnote.farnet.eu/201706/>

And note they have a four-page guide to using EMFF funding for the small-scale fisheries

From Plastic Change International on plastic: Poseidon and man on the beach

Did you know: Every year 10 million tons of plastic end up in the ocean. If we don't change our behavior, we might end up with more plastic than fish in the ocean. Something called The Animation Workshop has produced a video. You should see this man as a symbol of consumers as well as industry, makers and politicians.

<https://www.facebook.com/plasticchangeinternational/videos/vb.242929512771210/374814382916055/?type=2&theater>

Help us fighting plastic pollution. <http://plasticchange.org/signup-pages/signup-overview/>

CCB, WWF and Oceana call in the EU to take into account environmental requirements in negotiations with Russia on the Nord Stream II project

On Friday, 9 June 2017, WWF European Policy Office, WWF Baltic Ecoregion Programme, OCEANA Europe and the Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB), jointly submitted a letter to Commissioner Miguel Arias Cañete (DG ENER / DG CLIMA) and Commissioner Karmenu Vella (DG ENV / DG MARE), expressing concerns with the proposed Nord Stream II gas pipeline project and proposing to include an environmental clause to the anticipated Intergovernmental Agreement between the EU and the Russian Federation on the aforementioned project.

Main concerns are connected to a contradiction of the proposed project with EU commitments under the Paris Agreement, drawbacks and gaps identified by environmental NGOs in environmental impact assessment (EIA) process and documentation and, efforts by the Nord Stream II AG to weaken Russian nature conservation legislation to allow the landfall part of the pipeline to cross highly vulnerable Nature Protected Areas of the international importance designated under the Ramsar and Helsinki Conventions.

Our suggestion to the European Commission is therefore that should such Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) on the Nord Stream II Project be concluded, it should reflect relevant environmental and nature conservation provisions as a part of transparency principle in pipeline operation, as outlined by the EC.

Further background information on Baltic NGOs monitoring after the ongoing development of the Nord Stream II Project can be found here: <http://www.ccb.se/savekurgalskiy/>

<http://www.ccb.se/2017/06/ccb-wwf-and-oceana-call-the-ec-to-take-into-account-environmental-requirements-in-negotiations-with-russia-on-the-nord-stream-ii-project/>

The Fisheries Secretariat provides a summary after the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) released its scientific advice for Baltic stocks on 31st May.

<http://www.fishsec.org/2017/06/01/ices-releases-2018-advice-for-baltic-sea-fish-stocks/>

The Fisheries Secretariat provides a set of recommendations to implement Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management in the Baltic

The recommendations are based on [the EBFM seminar](#) in June 2016 that was organised by Stockholm University Baltic Sea Centre, The Fisheries Secretariat (FishSec) and the International Council for Exploration of the Sea (ICES) in Stockholm.

<http://www.fishsec.org/2017/06/27/recommendations-to-implement-ebfm-in-the-baltic-sea/>

BalticSea2020, New report on restoration measures for perch

Year published: 2017

The perch has previously been commonly occurring along the Baltic Sea coastline, but similar to the pike; the perch has decreased during the mid -1990s. The cause is hard to pinpoint, but the decrease of the perch coincides with several other changes in the Baltic Sea ecosystem. In the project "[Restoration efforts with perch in focus](#)" the Swedish Anglers Association has gathered knowledge and developed restoration measures for perch and explored the possibility of increasing the reproduction of perch. In April they published the final report from the project.

The results show that there are measures that can improve the situation of the fish. [Read more in the Sport Fisherman's final report here.](#)

The European Files – this is all about the Blue Growth Strategy

<https://www.europeanfiles.eu/magazine/blue-growth-strategy>

Download the full issue and read the article on **the fundamental role of fisheries in the blue economy** from Daniel Voces, acting managing director for the organization Européche.

ICES news:

1. Three workshops on benthic pressure, bottom fishing, and tradeoffs with catch and value

The final report of three workshops is available from the ICES website at [WKBENTH](#), [WKTRADE](#) and [WKSTAKE](#). The ICES advice, towards which these workshops have contributed, will be released 27 June.

Workshop to evaluate regional benthic pressure and impact indicator(s) from bottom fishing

Stakeholder input: how to assess impact of bottom fishing on the sea floor

What are the trade-offs between the impact of fishing on seafloor habitats and what it provides in terms of catch and value? Here are the links:

<http://ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKBENTH.aspx>

<http://ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKTRADE.aspx>

<http://ices.dk/community/groups/Pages/WKSTAKE.aspx>

2. ICES Baltic Sea and the Greater North Sea fisheries overviews

Attached is a letter from Lotte Worsøe Clausen concerning the ICES Fisheries overviews that are released 5th July 2017. The direct link to both overviews on the ICES website is: <http://ices.dk/community/advisory-process/Pages/fisheries-overviews.aspx>

Attach **./**.

Just how old is this cod? TABACOD starting to get some results on ageing eastern Baltic cod

Remember TABACOD? Ageing eastern Baltic cod by counting the number of rings in the otoliths has become difficult due to the poor growth of the cod. Hence the TABACOD project. It was presented at the BSAC ExCom meeting in January 2017 by DTU Aqua researcher Karin Hüsey. The main aim of the project is to establish a new method for determining the age of the cod in the eastern Baltic so as to enable a better management of the stock. Danish newspaper Fishing News reported on 17th June 2017 that the project is beginning to get some results as the tagged cod are starting to be caught and collected. The project started in June 2016 when researchers tagged about 11,000 cod to find out more about their migration patterns and their age. Some of the cod have been given an extra tag which enables the researchers to find out at what depths they are and what temperatures they experience. The fish are now slowly starting to get some of the cod back. It's too early to come with even any provisional results, but every cod returned helps the research. The senior researcher at DTU Aqua Karin Hüsey has praised the Danish fishermen as being top of the league in terms of returning the cod. The TABACOD project is funded by Baltic Sea 2020

Baltic Sea Advisory Council This news doesn't reflect the views of the BSAC or its members

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www.balticsea2020.org

It's about angling: Participatory adaptive management leads to environmental learning outcomes extending beyond the sphere of science Science advances Vol 3 No. 6 2nd June 2017

Randomly selected angling clubs from Lower Saxony (northeast Germany) were involved in a multiyear active adaptive ecosystem experiment dealing with fish stocking northern pike and common carp. Lecture-based instruction about sustainable stocking performed well at conveying ecological knowledge in the long term, including difficult knowledge about contentious topics such as genetic biodiversity and local adaptation. This study focused on respondents who completed all three assessments (pre, post, and retention) and it shows that lectures can be effective when the goal is to elevate ecological and genetic knowledge of highly motivated stakeholders. Motivation was an important factor for the success.

<http://advances.sciencemag.org/content/3/6/e1602516.full>

German anglers involved in this. 24 freshwater lakes

<http://www.besatz-fisch.de/>

Eurofish magazine June 2017: two things Baltic

Has a series of articles on fisheries and aquaculture in Lithuania. It includes an interview with **Arturas Bogdanovas, vice minister of agriculture**. The current Lithuanian government calls itself the “changes government” - with a new approach, to design new policies: develop and establish competitive fisheries companies (including production of fishmeal based on domestic supplies of raw material), balance fleet capacity with fishing possibilities, see the growth of local fisheries action groups, develop an operative and effective port in Svetoji (north of Palanga). In the interview, he says positive things about regionalisation and the work of BALTFISH.

Also a two-page interview with **Peter Bamberger chairman of the Danish Seafood Association** (part of the BSAC family through EU Fish Processors and Traders Association - Federation of National Organisations of Importers and Exporters of Fish). He's on the quest for a more liberal import regime, given the fact that Denmark (and the EU) is heavily dependent on raw material from third countries. He gives some information about the Danish seafood industry, the challenges of working with EU rules and regulations as well as the challenges facing Denmark in a global market which is constantly changing and full of uncertainties.

www.eurofish.dk

Recreational fisheries: a report on them expected in the autumn

The European Anglers Alliance reports (26th June 2017) that the European Parliament's Fisheries Committee will work on a report entitled: “State of play of recreational fisheries in the EU” See here:

<http://www.eaa-europe.org/news/11685/the-recreational-fisheries-sector-on-the-european-parliament-s-agenda-this-autumn.html>

What about the cormorants? A position paper on the continental cormorant in the Nordic countries

Produced by a group of Nordic angler organisations, including the European Anglers Alliance 4th July 2017 They're concerned about the fast expansion of the population of this cormorant and call for action. In English here:

<http://www.sportfiskarna.se/portals/sportfiskarna/xBlog/uploads/2017/7/4/English%20version.pdf>

WWF Baltic with June 2017 news – here

WWF says check out the latest issue of the Baltic Ecoregion Newsletter! Find out what has happened in the Baltic Ecoregion Programme and around the Baltic Sea when it comes to sustainable farming, fisheries, shipping, integrated ocean management and maritime activities, as well as news from various projects! See here, pages 8 and 9 on biodiversity and fisheries:

http://d2ouvy59p0dg6k.cloudfront.net/downloads/baltic_newsletter_june_2017.pdf

The Danish fisheries minister Esben Lunde Larsen takes charge of the BALTFISH Presidency 1st July 2017

Reporting in Danish, the newspaper Fishing News 30th June informs that Esben Lunde Larsen will be spending the next few months dealing with, amongst other things, the work and negotiations for the Baltic fisheries in 2018, as Denmark takes over the Presidency of BALTFISH. He's already on his travels, talking to Baltic colleagues in preparation for the October Council.

<http://fiskeritidende.dk/miljoe-og-foedevareminister-paa-rundtur-for-at-tale-om-oestersoeen-2018/>

The Swedish Fishermen Producer Organisation provides a further examination of the Fisheries Secretariat 26th June 2017

Following on from an earlier article from 22nd May, Peter Olsson, President of the SFPO, gives some more information on the Fisheries Secretariat, in particular the source of the funding behind it. It's in Swedish:

<http://www.sfpo.se/nyheter/en-fortsatt-granskning-av-fiskesekretariatet-m-m->

Transparency and the EU

In case you're interested, citizens can search a EU register to find out what interests are being pursued, by whom and with what budgets. The system is operated jointly by the European Parliament and the European Commission: <http://ec.europa.eu/transparencyregister/public/homePage.do?redir=false&locale=en>

It has a search facility, you can type in the Baltic Sea Advisory Council (and other ACs), for example, and find other organisations related to the Baltic.

HELCOM meetings and news

2017 HELCOM: first version of the HELCOM state of the Baltic Sea report 26th June 2017

HELCOM reports that the *First version of the HELCOM State of the Baltic Sea report - June 2017* was approved by the 52nd Meeting of the HELCOM Heads of Delegation held on 20-21 June 2017 in Brussels. The 'State of the Baltic Sea' report provides a scientific evaluation of the environmental status of the Baltic Sea during 2011-2015 from a holistic perspective. Pressures and impacts from human activities, as well as social and economic dimensions in the whole Baltic Sea are also assessed. The first results of the status report including the underlying data will be published on a dedicated website in a few weeks' time. The 'State of the Baltic Sea' is a regionally coordinated assessment and a major undertaking of all Baltic Sea countries as well as the European Union, the ten HELCOM members. The assessment will be used to analyse the progress for achieving good environmental status in relation to the goals of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan. – More work - and meetings - to follow in 2018

Fishermen's health and safety

12th

July 2017, Wednesday
from 18:30

In the Members Salons
European Parliament
Brussels



SAFETY AT SEA IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR

Presentation of a training tool based on the use of ITC
for risk prevention and safety in the trawling fishing
(DVD: SAFE FISHING) 2014-1-ES01-KA202-004404

Hosted by
Francisco Millán Mon MEP



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