



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

HELCOM Fish Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG Aquaculture)

CG AQUACULTURE 4-2021

Online, 16 June 2021

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With reference to the outcome of FISH 13-2021 (paragraph 5.1)) and in accordance with the [HELCOM COVID-19 policy](#), the fourth Meeting of the HELCOM Fish Correspondence Group concerning a draft document on BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region (CG AQUACULTURE 4-2021), will be held as an online meeting via Zoom on 16 June 2021.

The Meeting will start on **Wednesday 16 June at 10.00 EEST (9.00 CEST) and is expected to end on by 17.00 EEST (16.00 CEST).**

Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [CG AQUACULTURE 4-2021](#) meeting site on the HELCOM Meeting Portal. Please note that you need to be a registered user with relevant rights to access the restricted meeting documents. Instructions for the use of the Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM website](#).

Those Meeting participants that wish to provide their contributions for the Meeting are requested to submit meeting documents using the online [document template](#) to Professional Secretary Markus Helavuori ([markus.helavuori@helcom.fi](mailto:markus.helavuori@helcom.fi)) at the latest **by 26 May 2021**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents as well as information documents shall be received by the Secretariat no later than seven days before the opening of the Meeting, i.e. **by 9 June 2021**.

Participants are kindly invited to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) **by 9 June 2021 at the latest**.

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## Provisional Annotated Agenda

### Agenda Item 1 Adoption of the Agenda

This Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat based on the outcomes of the CG AQUACULTURE 2-2018, FISH 9-2019 and HOD 55-2018 meetings.

The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

### Agenda Item 2 Matters arising from HELCOM work of relevance of the group

The Meeting is invited to take note of the updated Terms of Reference and work plan for 2021-2022 of CG Aquaculture, as approved by FISH 12-2020 (document to be submitted).

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss as appropriate the outcomes of recent HELCOM meetings of relevance for CG Aquaculture (document to be submitted).

### Agenda Item 3 Latest information on aquaculture techniques and BAT/BEP

The Meeting is invited to note that the Work Plan of CG Aquaculture includes the task to compile the latest information on environmental and economic performance of various aquaculture techniques for different types of production, possibly contributing to the BAT/BEP descriptions.

The Meeting is invited to recall that CG AQUACULTURE 3-2020 welcomed the offer by Finland to take the lead in compiling this information, taking also into consideration new innovations. CG AQUACULTURE 3-2021 further noted that Germany may be able to contribute with some data related to the economic aspects, but not on a company basis. Finland is invited to provide further information on the matter to the Meeting.

Participants are invited to share relevant information e.g. on new aquaculture innovations and experiences with the Meeting, preferably by submitting information documents by the established deadline.

### Agenda Item 4 Developing BAT/BEP under HELCOM Recommendation 37/3

The Meeting is invited to note that the Work Plan of CG Aquaculture includes the task to jointly develop BAT/BEP descriptions for the aquaculture operators, relevant for both existing and new, sea-based aquaculture and land-based aquaculture with a potential impact on the Baltic Sea.

Germany is invited to submit a draft document on BAT/BEP for sustainable aquaculture regarding the topics nutrient pollution and hazardous substances.

Estonia is invited to submit a draft document on BAT/BEP for sustainable aquaculture regarding the topic of monitoring of aquaculture operations.

The Meeting is invited to note that FISH 12-2020 welcomed an offer by Poland to prepare a first draft for BAT/BEP on marine litter, but only based on currently available information as there are no possibilities to conduct new studies in that regard. Poland is invited to submit such a first document to the Meeting.

Contracting Parties are invited to provide support to the lead country Germany in developing BAT/BEP for sustainable aquaculture for the topic of hazardous substances.

Contracting Parties are invited to consider taking the lead in developing BAT/BEP for sustainable aquaculture for the topics on litter and non-indigenous species. Contracting Parties are further invited to prepare expert inputs on relevant topics (e.g. BAT/BEP for litter and non-indigenous species) and to notify the Secretariat in advance about contributions.

The Meeting is invited to agree on a way forward and detailed schedule for the finalization of the of BAT/BEP descriptions.

Agenda Item 5                      Any other business

The Meeting is invited to review, and update as needed, the list of CG Aquaculture contacts and observes (to be circulated at the meeting).

Contracting Parties and Observer organizations are invited to inform of any new, or changed, nominations to the Secretariat ([petra.kaaria@helcom.fi](mailto:petra.kaaria@helcom.fi)).

The Contracting Parties and Observers are invited to present any other business of relevance for CG Aquaculture.

Agenda Item 6                      Outcome of the Meeting

A draft Outcome with main decisions will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration and approval by the Meeting.