



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

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Background

The following HELCOM meetings that are relevant for the CG Aquaculture group have taken place since CG AQUACULTURE 3-2020:

1. [FISH 12-2020](#), 12th Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries, 11-12 November 2020
2. [HOD 59-2020](#), 59th meeting of the Heads of Delegation, 7-8, December
3. [FISH 13-2021](#), 13th meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries 20-21 March

This document contains extracts from the outcomes of the aforementioned meetings, detailing matters of particular relevance to CG Aquaculture. The full meeting outcomes are available on the HELCOM Meeting Portal.

Action required

The Meeting is invited to take note of the attached extracts from the outcomes of relevant HELCOM meetings and make use of the information as appropriate.

Extracts from HELCOM meeting outcomes of relevance for CG Aquaculture

1. [FISH 12-2021](#), 12th Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries, 11-12 November 2020

The Meeting

- considered the outcome of CG AQUACULTURE 3-2020 and noted that while progress has been made on the development of BAT/BEP definitions, techniques and practices for sustainable aquaculture applicable in the Baltic Sea region, CG Aquaculture emphasised the need to continue the work beyond the current Terms of Reference and Work Plan of the group. The Meeting approved the updated Terms of Reference and Work Plan for CG Aquaculture, as included in **Annex 2** of this Outcome.
- noted that Denmark is not able to take on the lead on hazardous substances, as proposed in paragraph 6.13 of the Outcome of CG AQUACULTURE 3-2020 due to lack of resources. The Meeting further welcomed the 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.
- No further information was shared by participants on recent activities relevant to the development of sustainable aquaculture in the Baltic Sea.

2. [HOD 59-2020](#), 59th meeting of the Heads of Delegation, 7-8, December

The Meeting took note that FISH 12-2020 approved the updated Terms of Reference and Work Plan for CG Aquaculture, as included in Annex 2 of the Outcome of FISH 12-2020.

3. [FISH 13-2021](#), 13th meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries 20-21 March

The Meeting

- took note of ongoing work regarding the development of BAT/BEP for sustainable aquaculture, as presented by the lead countries Germany and Finland. In this regard, the Meeting noted inter alia that work has been delayed due to the COVID situation as well the added workload related to work on updating the BSAP. The Meeting noted that the next meeting of CG Aquaculture is being planned at the latest in June 2021, with more information to be provided to contacts and observers of CG Aquaculture in due course.
- noted that Germany plans to submit a draft document on BAT/BEP for sustainable aquaculture regarding nutrient pollution, as well as a draft related to hazardous substances, for the next meeting of CG Aquaculture.
- Regarding the topic of hazardous substances, the Meeting noted that Germany is leading the work but support from other Contracting Parties has not been received although it has been requested.
- noted that Estonia has developed a draft proposal for BAT/BEP on monitoring, to be considered further by the next meeting of CG Aquaculture.
- noted that the topics on litter and non-indigenous species do still not have lead countries. The Meeting consequently encouraged the Contracting Parties to consider taking the lead on these topics and to contact Germany (Wera.Leujak@uba.de) in this regard.
- took note of information on judgements from the Field and Environmental Courts in Sweden on farming of rainbow trout in net cages (document 5-1), as presented by FEAP.