



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 2-2018

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Background

This document includes the work plan for the CG Aquaculture, as agreed by HELCOM FISH 7-2017 and approved by HOD 53-2017.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to recall the work plan and make use of it as appropriate.

Work plan for the HELCOM FISH CG Aquaculture

Work plan of CG Aquaculture 2017-2019

Objectives and Tasks of the CG Aquaculture TORs	Responsible	Milestone	Output and deadline
<p>Objective A</p> <p>Exchanges BAT/BEP information and experience gained on aquaculture in the Baltic Sea region</p>	All participants	Meetings of CG Aquaculture Meetings of HELCOM Fish	
<p>To provide other relevant latest information on innovative aquaculture techniques (Detailed task C)</p>	All participants	Meetings of CG Aquaculture Meetings of HELCOM Fish	
<p>Objective B</p> <p>Menu of BAT/BEP descriptions for sustainable aquaculture for the Baltic Sea region, by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. defining environmentally acceptable, economically viable and socially equitable standards ii. differentiating between land- and sea-based aquaculture, where appropriate iii. promoting innovation iv. not forcing any specific BAT/BEP description to be applied by all contracting parties 	[Overall coordination by Chair supported by the Secretariat]	Meetings of CG Aquaculture	
<p><i>Phase I compilation of information</i></p>	Work by dedicated leads Overall coordination by Chair supported by the Secretariat	Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2018 Reported to meeting of HELCOM FISH Autumn 2018	Summer 2018

To provide by October [2018] a concise compilation of existing BAT and BEP techniques applied in the Contracting Parties or otherwise relevant for the Baltic Sea area/region and, if possible, the relevant experiences (pros and cons) gained in applying such techniques from ecological, social and economic points of view (Detailed task A)	Sweden	Questionnaire to be developed by lead Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2018	Output 1: <i>Compilation of national Aquaculture BAT/BEP definitions including relevant definitions from international and EU law by Summer 2018</i>
To provide assistance for a (scientifically condensed) Literature Study by May [2018] on feasible BAT/BEP descriptions for the Baltic Sea region including gap analyses against the needs and specificities of the Baltic Sea region; in parallel (Detailed task B) .	[Lead needed]	Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2018	Output 2: <i>Compilation of Aquaculture BAT/BEP techniques and practices applicable in the Baltic Sea region by Summer 2018</i>
<i>Phase II Menu of BAT and BEP descriptions</i>	First draft by Chair All participants to contribute	Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2019 Reported to meeting of HELCOM FISH Autumn 2019	Summer 2019
To jointly develop a menu of BAT and BEP descriptions for the aquaculture operators to choose from (Detailed task D) To draft a list of most suitable BAT and BEP aquaculture techniques, based on the information collected under a-d), by October [2019] (Detailed task E) ;	First draft by Chair All participants to contribute	Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2019	Output 3: <i>Menu of BAT and BEP descriptions including a list of most suitable BAT and BEP aquaculture techniques.</i>
<i>Phase III Recommending follow-up</i>	All participants	Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2019 Reported to meeting of HELCOM FISH Autumn 2019	Summer 2019
To identify possible research and development needs and knowledge gaps, with a view to improving the BAT and BEP menu of techniques for the Baltic region (Detailed task F) .	All participants	Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2019 Reported to meeting of HELCOM FISH Autumn 2019	Summer 2019
Potentially address the needs identified, in between, through a dedicated project, and report accordingly (Detailed task G) .	All participants	Meeting of CG Aquaculture summer 2019	Summer 2019

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