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Background

The Fourth Meeting of HELCOM Task Force on migratory fish species (FISH-M 4-2017) will be organized as “Workshop on river restoration and best practices”, on 29-30 May 2017 in Bredsten, Denmark.

Action requested

The Meeting is invited to take note of the attached Draft Agenda of HELCOM FISH-M 4-2017.

Draft Agenda

HELCOM Workshop on river restoration and best practices in the Baltic Sea
(HELCOM FISH-M 4-2017)

DAY 1 29 May 2017

- 10.00 – 10.10** **Welcome by the Danish AgriFish Agency**
- 10.10 – 10.20** **Presentation of the workshop**
Aim, purpose and program by the Danish AgriFish Agency
- 10.20 – 10.30** **Presentation of river restoration in Denmark – description of the Danish model**
Overall aim of river restoration in Denmark
- 10.30 – 10.50** **Initiatives and best practices seen from the eyes of the government by the Danish AgriFish Agency or the Danish Environmental Protection Agency**
- 10.50 – 11.50** **Research on Danish river restoration with focus on “natural” solutions**
Documented impacts of barriers and wetlands on salmonids – and how to solve the problems
Presentation by Jan Nielsen, DTU Aqua
Presentation by DCE
- 11.50 – 12.10** **Financial instruments such as the EMFF program, national funds and funds collected from fishery licenses**
- 12.10 – 12.20** **Cooperation between the Danish government, Municipalities and local angling organizations**
- 12.20 - 12.30** **Break**
- 12.30 – 13.00** **River restoration and engagement from local authorities with focus on meeting the requirements in the EU Water framework Directive Presentation by Vejle Municipality**
- 13.00 – 14.00** **Lunch**
Presentations by Contracting Parties on river restoration, challenges and best practices
- 14.00 – 14.40** *Presentations by Sweden*
- 14.40 – 15.00** *Presentation by Finland*
- 15.00 – 15.20** *Presentation by Poland*
- 15.20 – 15.40** *Presentation by Lithuania*

15.40 – 15.55

Coffee break

15.55 – 16.15

Presentation by Germany

16.15 – 16.35

Presentation by Estonia

16.35 – 16.55

Presentation by Russia

16.55 – 17.15

Presentation by Latvia

17.15 – 17.25

BREAK

17.25 – 17.40

End of day 1

Key points from the day

Presentation of the fieldtrip on day 2

DAY 2 30 May 2017

The field trip will include visits to different locations where river restoration has been carried out. The Municipality of Vejle town/city is the coordinator of the field trip.

9.00 – 10.00 Visit to Vejle River located very close to the conference center, Vingsted

At this particular location, meanders have been reestablished with special focus on spawning grounds for salmonids.

Story of the project and electro fishing.

10.00 – 10.15 Transport to Kvak Mill Brook**10.15 – 11.15 Kvak Mill Brook**

Fauna passage in the form of bypass flow including new spawning and nursery areas for brown trout. Story of the project and its impact through 25 years. Electrofishing.

11.15 – 11.30 Coffee break by Kvak Mill Brook**11.30 – 11.45 Transport to Vejle River by Haraldskær****11.45 – 12.45 Vejle River by Haraldskær - alternatively Egtved River by Refsgårdlund Fish farmings**

Example of a project on fauna passage. This particular project faced several challenges and the visit will therefore also focus on how the project can be improved. Story of the project and its' impact.

12.45 – 13.15 Transport to Omme River**13.15 – 14.15 Omme River**

Seven Dams have been removed and the river reestablished with faunapassage, meanders, spawning and nursery areas for brown trout, salmon and other species. Story of the project and its impact. The restored interaction between streams and adjacent valleys removes nitrogen and phosphorus when the river valley is flooded.

14.15 – 15.00 Lunch by Omme River**15.00 – 15.15 Goodbye and thank you**

Transport to Billund Airport and Vejle train station. Arrival approx. at 16.00 hrs. at Vejle train station.