



26 February 2016

To: HELCOM Heads of Delegation
Observers of HELCOM
Contacts of HELCOM Fish
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Contacts of HELCOM Fish-M
Contacts of HELCOM FISH-PRO II
Lead and Co-Lead country representatives of HELCOM indicators on fish
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

Re: **Invitation to the Fourth Meeting of HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 4-2016), HELCOM Workshop on fish indicators (FISH IND WS 2016) and the Second Meeting of the HELCOM Task Force on migratory fish species (FISH-M 2-2016), 9-12 May 2016, Gothenburg, Sweden**

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the decision of HOD 49-2015 (paragraph 4.36), and subsequent consultations with the Chair and host country Sweden, I have the pleasure to invite you to the following Meetings to be organised during the period 9–12 May 2016 at the premises of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (Gullbergs strandgata 15, 41104 Gothenburg) in Gothenburg, Sweden:

1. Fourth Meeting of the HELCOM Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries (FISH 4-2016), to be held on 11-12 May 2016. The Meeting will start at 10:00 on Wednesday, 11 May and is expected to terminate by 16:00 on Thursday, 12 May.
2. Second Meeting of the HELCOM Task Force on migratory fish species (FISH-M 2-2016) to be held on 9 May 2016. The Meeting will start at 10:00 on Monday, 9 May and is expected to terminate by 16:30 the same day.
3. HELCOM workshop on fish indicators (FISH IND WS 1-2016) on 10 May 2016. The Meeting will start on at 10:00 on Tuesday, 10 May and is expected to terminate by 16:30 the same day.

Please find attached the draft programme of the HELCOM workshop on fish indicators. The FISH-M 2-2016 will focus on agreeing on a more focused Work Plan in the field of migratory fish with clear deliverables (FISH 3-2015 outcome § 7.13). **More information including Agendas for FISH 4-2016 and FISH-M 2-2016 and practical arrangements will follow at a later stage.**

Documents for the Meetings will be made available on the [FISH 4-2016 meeting site](#), [FISH-M 2-2016 meeting site](#) and [FISH IND WS 2016 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 Meetings are requested to submit the documents in electronic format to Professional Secretary Mr. Hermanni Backer (hermanni.backer@helcom.fi) **at the latest by 15 April 2016**. Documents containing comments to the basic documents shall be received by the Secretariat not later than seven days before the opening of the Meeting, i.e. **2 May 2016**.

Participants are kindly requested to register to the Meetings by answering the participation surveys on the HELCOM Meeting Portal **by 2 May 2016 at the latest**. The links to the participation surveys are as follows: for [FISH-M 2-2016](#), for [FISH 4-2016](#), for [FISH IND WS 2016](#).

Instructions for the use of the new Meeting Portal are available at the [HELCOM Website](#).

Yours sincerely,

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Invitation to HELCOM FISH 4/2016, FISH IND WS and FISH-M 2/2016

Dear Ms. Stankiewicz,

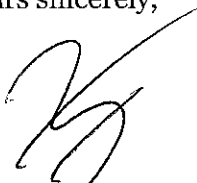
With reference to the report of FISH 3/2015 it is my great pleasure to invite members of the Group on Ecosystem-based Sustainable Fisheries to the 4th meeting in Gothenburg, Sweden.

We are prepared to host the FISH 4/2016 and a back-to back workshop on HELCOM fish related indicators (FISH IND WS) during the period Tuesday the 10th of May to Thursday the 12th of May 2016 at the premises of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. Address: Gullbergs strandgata 15, 411 04 Göteborg, Sweden.

We are also prepared to host the second meeting of HELCOMs task force on migratory fish species (FISH-M 2/2016) at the same location on Monday the 9th of May.

Practical information with a map of the meeting premises as well as recommended hotels nearby will follow shortly in a separate communication.

Yours sincerely,



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