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To: Contacts and observers of HELCOM Fish-M  
Contacts of RETROUT  
Contacts and Observers of HELCOM Fish  
Cc: HELCOM Heads of Delegation  
Observers of HELCOM  
Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the HELCOM Groups

**Re: Invitation to the HELCOM Workshop on sea trout population status and habitat assessment methods (FISH-M 6-2016), Klaipeda, Lithuania, 26-28 June 2018**

Dear Colleagues,

With reference to the decision of FISH 8-2018 (paragraph 6.6), I have the pleasure to invite you to the sixth Meeting of HELCOM Task Force on migratory fish species (FISH-M 6-2018) which will be organized as a workshop on sea trout population status and habitat assessment methods, 26-28 June 2018, in Klaipeda, Lithuania.

There is a need for harmonization of methods applied for the river biotope classification, for evaluation of the quality of the trout reproduction areas, and for carrying out electrofishing surveys and the concomitant assessment of catchability and the parr density. The need for harmonization is particularly articulated for interpreting the score classes on the field surveys, and also concerning the measurements that are recorded in the data sets. Concrete examples about the choices regarding the class-values assigned to observations for the biotope classification and habitat score methods can be discussed during the river excursion, which will be arranged on day 2 of the workshop.

The Workshop is kindly hosted by the Klaipeda University.

The Meeting will start at **9:00 on Tuesday 26 June 2018** and is expected to terminate by **17:00 on Thursday 28 June 2018**.

Presentations and documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [FISH-M 6-2018 meeting site](#) at 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 Workshop participants who wish to provide their contributions (documents or presentations) for distribution among the participants in advance of the Workshop are requested to submit material in electronic format to Assisting Professional Secretary Petra Kääriä (petra.kaaria@helcom.fi) **at the latest by 19 June 2018**.

Participants are kindly requested to register to the Meeting by answering the [participation survey](#) on the meeting site **by 19 June 2018 at the latest**.

Yours sincerely,

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Professional Secretary, HELCOM