



## Baltic Marine Environment Protection Commission

Continuation of the project on Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management

FISH-PRO II 5-2017

Gothenburg, Sweden, 14-16 February 2018

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In accordance with the Outcome of FISH-PRO II 4-2016 (paragraph 7.1), the fifth Meeting of the Continuation of the Project for Baltic-wide assessment of coastal fish communities in support of an ecosystem-based management (FISH-PRO II 5-2017), will be held at the premises of the Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (Gullbergs Strandgata 15), Gothenburg, Sweden, on 14-16 February 2018.

The Meeting will start on **Wednesday 14 February 2018 at 09.00** and will terminate on **Friday 16 February 2018 by 13.00**.

The Meeting will be chaired by Jens Olsson, Sweden, Project Manager of FISH-PRO II.

The Participants are kindly invited to register to the Meeting by answering the [Participation Survey](#) by **7 February at the latest**.

The participants are invited to submit meeting documents using the online [document template](#) at the latest on **30 January 2018** to Assisting Professional Secretary, Petra Kääriä ([petra.kaaria@helcom.fi](mailto:petra.kaaria@helcom.fi)) for further submission to the Meeting. Documents for the Meeting will be made available on the [Meeting Document Library](#) of the FISH-PRO II 5-2018 Meeting Site on the [HELCOM Meeting Portal](#). Instructions for use of the HELCOM Meeting Portal are available on the [HELCOM Website](#).

The Meeting will focus on:

- finalizing the 3<sup>rd</sup> thematic assessment on coastal fish,
- updating data and status assessments of the coastal fish core indicators for HOLAS II,
- updating monitoring guidelines according to the new outline,
- developing indicators,
- continuation of the project beyond 2018 (including election of project manager and working procedures).

### [Agenda Item 1](#)                      [Adoption of the Agenda](#)

The Provisional Annotated Agenda has been prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chair. The Meeting is invited to adopt the Provisional Agenda as contained in document 1-1.

### [Agenda Item 2](#)                      [Information of relevance to FISH-PRO II](#)

The Meeting is invited to take note and discuss as appropriate the outcomes of recent HELCOM meetings of relevance for FISH-PRO II (document 2-1).

The Meeting is invited to note that HOD 53-2017 approved the proposal for continuation of the FISH-PRO II project (FISH-PRO III) for years 2018-2023.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the release of the first version of the ‘State of the Baltic Sea’ report (HOLAS II), released on 11 July 2017 in both [pdf](#) publication and website ([stateofthebalticsea.helcom.fi](http://stateofthebalticsea.helcom.fi))

format, and of the ongoing work related to a regional consultation and forthcoming update of the assessment by June 2018 (document 2-2).

The Meeting is invited to take note of the HELCOM Maritime Assessment 2018 approved by HELCOM HOD 53 and to be published by end of January 2018 (document to be submitted later).

The Meeting is invited to note that a workshop under HELCOM Fish on the availability of fisheries data for MSFD relevant HELCOM indicators on incidental bycatch and benthic disturbance will be organized 27 February 2018 in Copenhagen, Denmark and that a joint BALTFISH and BSAC Workshop on recreational fishery for cod in the Baltic Sea, will be organized in Copenhagen, Denmark, on 29 January 2018.

The Meeting is further invited to note that the RETROUT project (Development, promotion and sustainable management of the Baltic Sea Region as a coastal fishing tourism destination) (2017-2020), with HELCOM involvement as a project partner, received funding from Interreg Baltic Sea Region and will focus on trout rivers, sustainable trout fishing tourism and trout river restoration.

The Meeting will be informed of the status of preparations for the upcoming HELCOM Ministerial Meeting to be held on 6 March 2018 in Brussels, Belgium.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the publication of the new and modernized [HELCOM Map and Data Service](#) and a [HELCOM metadata catalogue](#).

Contracting Parties are invited to provide information of relevance for the work of FISH-PRO II, including recent national activities related to monitoring of coastal fish and to report of any new findings of round goby and other alien species at the coast.

The HELCOM Baltic Sea Environment Fact sheet 'Abundance and distribution of [round goby](#)' is about to be updated. The Meeting might wish to provide additional information (e.g. sightings/occurrence) to the draft fact sheet (document to be submitted later).

### Agenda Item 3                      Assessments and indicators

*Thematic assessment of coastal fish communities and core indicator contribution from FISH-PRO II to HOLAS II*

The Meeting is invited to review and endorse the third thematic assessment of coastal fish status (document to be submitted later) that contributes to the final HOLAS II report to be published in summer 2018.

The Meeting is invited to take note of the latest versions of the core indicators 'Abundance of coastal fish key functional groups' (document 3-1) and 'Abundance of key coastal fish species' (document 3-2). The Meeting is invited to note that FISH-PRO II is anticipated to supply updated indicator reports and indicator evaluations for the assessment period 2011-2016 to contribute to the second version of the second holistic assessment of the Baltic Sea (HOLAS II). The Meeting will be informed of additional contribution needs for the HOLAS II 2018 update.

#### *Size-related indicators*

FISH-PRO II 4-2017 was of the opinion that it is relevant to continue the work on developing size related indicators, and that it would be good to test the indicators developed by Sweden using data from the other countries as well.

Sweden is invited to present recent activities as regards the development size related indicators. The Meeting is invited to consider the information.

#### Agenda Item 4                      Other activities

##### *Coastal fish and national MSFD reporting in 2018*

The Contracting Parties are invited to share information on the data, species and protocol used, as well as the use of the HOLAS II report, for the MSFD reporting in 2018.

The Contracting Parties are invited to inform the Meeting of activities regarding recreational fisheries and possible projects on ecosystem services.

#### Agenda Item 5                      Future work

The Meeting is invited to plan for the continuation of the project beyond 2018 (including election of project manager and working procedures), based on the project proposal agreed by HELCOM Fish and State and Conservation (document 5-1) as well as the work plans of HELCOM Fish and Fish-M (document 5-2).

##### *Updating of coastal fish monitoring guidelines*

The Meeting is invited to agree on the tasks and time schedule for updating of the coastal fish monitoring guidelines in 2018.

The Meeting is invited to agree on the topics to be discussed at the next meeting.

#### Agenda Item 6                      Any other business

The Meeting is invited to check and update the list of contacts of FISH-PRO II (document 6-1).

The Meeting might wish to discuss any other matters relevant for the work of the group.

#### Agenda Item 7                      Next meeting

The Meeting is invited to agree on the time and place for the next meeting of FISH-PRO II.

#### Agenda Item 8                      Outcome of the meeting

A draft Outcome will be prepared by the Secretariat for consideration and approval by the participants of the Meeting.