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Multi-annual plan for the Baltic Salmon stock and the fisheries

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Objectives of the plan

- Sustainable salmon fishing
- Measures to avoid overfishing and enhance weak salmon stocks
- Implementation of Common Fisheries Policy objectives
 - Precautionary principle, sustainable harvests,
 - Level populations to produce Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)
 - Smolt production capacity as a tool
- Ecosystem-based approach, contribution to biodiversity and genetic integrity
- Use of the best available scientific advice



The planning process

- Started back in 2011
- At time:
 - Before renewal of the Common Fisheries Policy
 - Before evolution of the multi-annual plans
 - Before regionalisation (BALTFISH)
 - Salmon stock status in Baltic was very different compared to present situation



Original proposal by the Commission, contents:

- Wide-ranging, including:
 - Baltic sea and Inland waters (TAC for rivers)
 - Fisheries control
 - Stocking of Salmon
 - Recreational fisheries (fishing guides' vessels at sea)
 - Fishing mortality rate of 0.1 was proposed



Commission's proposal for a multi-annual plan for salmon – problematic areas

The proposals would have:

- Restricted or halted the stocking of salmon based on court decisions
- Increased bureaucracy in fisheries control
- Given the Commission the authority to regulate fishing in rivers
- Affected the member states' abilities to co-operate with third countries regarding boarder waters



Common Fisheries Policy reform and regionalisation

Since the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy:

- BALTFISH was founded for the Baltic Sea region
- Finland took responsibility for preparation of the further development of the Salmon plan (2016), as agreed in Baltfish.
- Further development to take place with the respective BALTFISH presidency

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- Includes 18 articles
- Smolt production capacity - different categories for salmon stocks
- 50 % and 75 % of the MSY level
- SUBJECT MATTER, SCOPE AND DEFINITIONS
- OBJECTIVES AND TARGETS
 - MSYsalmon target levels for the wild salmon stocks smolt production
- CONSERVATION REFERENCE POINTS
 - Fishing opportunities
 - Safeguards
 - Member States measures to protect weak wild salmon stocks
- CONTROL AND ENFORCEMENT
- PROVISIONS LINKED TO THE LANDING OBLIGATION
- TECHNICAL MEASURES
- REGIONALISATION
- FIN-CLIPPING AND CONSERVATION MEASURE (stockings)
- FOLLOW-UP, Evaluation of the plan
- PROCEDURAL PROVISIONS
- FINAL PROVISIONS, Entry into force





Salmon plan, where are we now?

- Within BALTFISH the Plan has evolved via several meetings and in discussions with the Commission
- A conditional agreement in principle was reached in the beginning of year 2018
- We are still waiting for:
 - ICES answers to some open questions in this version
 - Timescale for stock recovery
 - Level of the fishing mortality rate
 - Monitoring and follow up of the EU basic regulation of fisheries control, to finalise the articles concerning fisheries control



What kind of agreement was reached 2018?

- Sea fishing and commercial fishing covered
- No restrictions concerning the stocking of fish
- Articles concerning fisheries control, but only to a limited extent
- Still waiting for ICES answers to questions concerning fishing mortality
- The evolution of multi-annual plans and regionalisation have been included in the plan