

The future of Baltic Sea small-scale fisheries: tackling the increasing impact of seals and cormorants predation

Conclusions and recommendations of the Baltic Sea Seal and Cormorant TNC project

Co-chaired by MEP Nils Torvalds and MEP Emma Wiesner

Wednesday 26 May | 10:00 – 12:00

Brussels and online

10:00 – 10:35 – *Introduction: setting the scene*

Welcoming remarks by Nils Torvalds and Emma Wiesner, Members of the European Parliament

Presentation of the project and its main results by Esko Taanila, Project manager, South Finland FLAG ESKO

Challenges and solutions from the fisher's perspective by Timo Matinlassi, Fisherman from North Finland

Projection of the project's short video

10:35 – 11:20 – *Scientific perspectives: impacts and solutions*

The economic and social impact on fisheries and coastal communities, by Staffan Waldo, SLU Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Possible solutions and mitigation methods to decrease the impact of predation and work towards sustainable coastal fishery, by Sara Königsson, SLU Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences

Questions and answers session

11:20 – 11:50 – *Institutions' perspectives*

Reaction by the European Commission

By Maja Kirchner, Acting Director, DG MARE, Dir.C. Fisheries Policy Atlantic, North Sea, Baltic and Outermost Regions

By Micheál O'Briain, Deputy Head of Unit, DG ENV, Dir.D.3. Nature Protection

Questions and answers session

11:50 – 12:00 – *Conclusion*

Concluding remarks by Emma Wiesner and Nils Torvalds, Members of the European Parliament