

**Betreff:** Season's Greetings and update from EIFAAC



## EIFAAC Updates

Dear Focal Points,

I hope I find you all well and in good form. This email is to provide you with a brief update on some recent EIFAAC activities and to wish you and yours Season's Greetings and best wishes for 2017.

### **EIFAAC Symposium on Adaptation of inland fisheries to climate change**

*EIFAAC International Symposium "Adaptation of fisheries and aquaculture to climate change" will be arranged in Olsztyn, Poland, in the week starting the 4<sup>th</sup> of September (2017), followed directly by the 29th Session of EIFAAC. EIFAAC expects a successful symposium and encourages for active participation of the member countries in the session. Save the dates!*

### **Management / Threat of Aquatic Invasive Species in Europe**

*Conference on Freshwater Invasives – Networking for Strategy (FINS-II) took place in Zagreb, Croatia July 2016. The conference results, including the symposium conclusion, will be published in special issue of Management of Biological Invasions (MBI) journal 2017. The possibility of FINS-III conference in Italy 2018 is under discussion.*

### **Joint EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM Working Group on Eel (WGEEL)**

*The joint working group provides scientific advice on stock data and eel management, particularly in relation to the EU Action Plan for the Recovery of Eel (EU 2007: COM(2005) 472). The 2016 WGEEL meeting in Cordoba, Spain, was attended by 33 participants representing 18 countries, three invited experts, and representatives of the GFCM and the EU's DG MARE. The 2017 meeting of WGEEL will take place in Kavala, Greece around the 2-6 October (dates to be confirmed).*

*The 2016 report is published on the ICES website, at:*

<http://ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Forms/defaultone.aspx?RootFolder=%2fsites%2fpub%2fPublication%20Reports%2fExpert%20Group%20Report%2facom%2f2016%2fWGEEL&FolderCTID=0x0120005DAF18EB10DAA049BBB066544D790785>

### **Development of eel stocks in Norway and Ireland**

*The purpose of this new EIFAAC -project is to perform comparative analyses of the long-term time-series on silver eel migration eel from River Imsa (Norway) and Burrishoole (Ireland), and thus obtain new information and knowledge for other scientists, the EIFAAC/ICES/GFCM eel group, and EIFAAC members. The project aims to produce two scientific publications on silver eel migration during 2017.*

### **Welfare of fishes in Aquaculture**

*The outcome of the project will include (a) a short report on the actual knowledge concerning welfare of fishes in aquaculture, and (b) an EIFAAC statement including recommendations concerning welfare of fishes in inland aquaculture. The project is finalizing the first draft report and the final report will be available by the end of 2017.*

### **Development of a European Standard for fish pass monitoring**

*The purpose of this project is to develop and publish a CEN standard for monitoring the efficiency of fish passage solutions. The project has had two workshops and by the end of 2016 the second draft of the text for the standard will be ready. After possible comments this standard will be submitted for CEN procedures by the end of February 2017.*

### **Fish Passage Best Practices**

*This project is aiming at the development of a set of a generalized set of criteria for the design of different types of natural fish passes for upstream migration. The draft report has been compiled and will be circulated early in 2017 for final review in summer 2017.*

**Developing Advice on Sustainable Management Actions on Cormorant Populations**

*The project aims to a pan-European management plan of cormorants. The project has concentrated on following and participating in the discussions and meetings on cormorant issues in different countries and especially in the Baltic Sea countries. During the 29<sup>th</sup> session of EIFAAC in Poland the project will be restructured.*

Thank you for your continued support of EIFAAC.

Season's **Greetings** from the  
European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture  
Advisory Commission



Kind regards,  
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PS: Can I please request that you circulate this communication to relevant stakeholders, agencies and interested parties in your country?

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