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Announcement

for a Seas At Risk's seminar on

Low Impact Fisheries and the CFP Reform

28th October 2010, Brussels, Belgium

Seas At Risk, the European association of non-governmental environmental organisations working to protect and restore to health the marine environment, has the pleasure to announce and invite you to a one day Low Impact Fisheries seminar, which will take place in Brussels on the 28th of October 2010.

Fisheries can have detrimental impacts on the marine environment, both directly on marine species and habitats and indirectly through the emission of greenhouse gases. These impacts can be reduced significantly by using more environmentally-friendly, low impact alternatives to common fishing methods. However, fishermen often face hurdles that prevent them from switching to low impact fisheries.

The seminar will address these issues as well as the possible contribution of the 2012 reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) to the adoption of well designed policy measures which promote a shift to low impact fisheries.

The Conference will take place at the Management Center Europe (Rue de l'Aqueduc 118) in Brussels. Attendance is free of charge but subject to registration. More information and details on how to register can be obtained at www.seas-at-risk.org. Alternatively contact Chris Carroll (tel. + 32 2 893 09 67, e-mail ccarroll@seas-at-risk.org).

A conference programme can be found overleaf.

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Programme

Welcome

8.45: Registration and Coffee

9.15: Welcome

Monica Verbeek, Executive Director, Seas At Risk

Setting the scene:

9.30: **Environmental impacts of fishing and the role of fisheries management**

Friederike Ziegler, Marine Biologist, Swedish Institute for Food and Biotechnology

10.00: **Moving Towards Low Impact Fisheries in Europe**

Jo Gascoigne, consultant, MacAlister Elliott and Partners

Panel discussion 1: Moving towards Low Impact Fisheries: Advantages of and Hurdles to Gear Shifts

10.30: Coffee break

11.00: **Experience with Gear Shift**

Peter Olsson, Swedish Fisherman

11.30: **Brief presentation by other panellists of their experiences with gear shifts**

Ramón Tarridas, President of the Asociacion de Armadores de Artes Menores de Catalunya (ADAMEC)

Colin Wheatley, Longshoreman Fisheries Development

Norbert Van Craeynest, Technical department, Flemish Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO) (TBC)

12.00: **Discussion**

12.30: Lunch

The CFP Reform as a driver for moving towards Low Impact Fisheries

14.00: **Low impact fisheries in the context of the CFP reform**

Niki Sporrang, Director, The Fisheries Secretariat (Steering Group member of OCEAN2012)

14.20: **The Scottish Credit Conservation Scheme**

Mike Park, executive chairman of the Scottish White Fish Producers Association and Conservation Credits Steering Group member

Panel discussion 2: How can the reformed CFP remove hurdles to gear shifts and encourage a move towards low impact fisheries?

14.45: **Statements by the panellists**

Isabella Lövin, Member of the European Parliament

Kristof Geutjens, Fisheries Attaché, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the European Union

Franz Lamplmair, Adviser on Fisheries Policy, DG MARE

15.30: **Discussion**

Conclusion:

16.30: Closing remarks

16.45: Seminar ends (refreshments will be served)