

# 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

