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Bilateral Agreement between Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute (FGFRI), Finland* and Swedish Agency of Marine and Water Management, Sweden, for the collection of biological samples and cooperation during Baltic International Acoustic Survey (BIAS) in accordance with EC Regulation 665/2008, laying down detailed rules for the application of Council Regulation (EC) 199/2008, and its Commission Decision 2010/93/EC.

* The Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute will merge with MTT Agrifood Research Finland and the Finnish Forest Research Institute on 1 January 2015, to form Natural Resources Institute Finland (Luke).

This agreement has been established between Finland and Sweden to cooperate on the collection of fisheries data regarding the following issues:

1. Herring fished by Finnish flagged vessels (OTM_SPF_16-104_0_0) are landed in Sweden in such an amount that a bilateral agreement has to be established (RCM Baltic 2014) for NP 2014-2016
2. Sharing of staff within the BIAS survey in the Baltic areas SD30 and 29N for NP 2014-2016
3. Collection of salmon catch samples and genetic analysis for NP 2014-2016

Agreements:

1. It has been agreed that Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Aquatic Resources (SLU-aqua) will sample Finnish landings of herring to Sweden, since considerable share (17 % i.e. 16 800 tonnes in 2013) of the total Finnish landings of herring fished in SD30 is landed in Sweden.
2. It has been agreed that SLU-aqua will send yearly two technicians for fish sampling to the Finnish part of the BIAS survey. Age reading of 50 % of the otoliths sampled during BIAS SD30 will be conducted at SLU-aqua. The associated costs will be covered within the Swedish National Programme for 2014-2016. In case Sweden is not fulfilling the DCF conditions for exemption of the biological sampling on herring in SD30, this agreement will be reviewed and amended in bilateral negotiations.
3. It has been agreed that vessels fishing for salmon, operating in the Baltic Sea and land for first sale into Sweden, will be sampled as part of the Swedish National Programme under the requirements of the EC Data Collection Framework (199/2008). The eventual additional sampling costs will be covered within the Swedish National Sampling Programme for 2014- 2016.

The genetic analysis of 200-300 Swedish salmon samples per year will be carried out as part of the Finnish National Programme under the requirements of the EC Data Collection Framework (199/2008). The costs of genetic analysis will be covered within the Finnish National Programme for 2014- 2016.

Description of sampling for each agreement:

1. SLU-aqua will lengthmeasure 300 randomly selected individuals per sample, maximum 14 samples per year Finland is sampling for age and the Finnish ALK will be used.
2. Sampling onboard BIAS will be done according to the BIAS manual.
3. SLU-aqua will deliver the collected salmon samples (part of the scales of each sample and associated data) to FGFRI for genetic analysis.

Data responsibility for each agreement:

1. SLU-aqua is responsible for submitting the length distribution data to FGFRI. FGFRI is responsible for incorporating the data in the Finnish dataset and deliver the data to the relevant ICES Expert Groups, and to the EC under the requirements of its Data Collection Framework.
2. FGFRI is responsible for submitting the data from BIAS conducted in SD30 to relevant end-user in the requested format.
3. The FGFRI is responsible for delivering the results of genetic analysis to SLU-aqua, to the relevant ICES Expert Groups, and to the EC under the requirements of its Data Collection Framework.

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