Invitation to a 2-days Evaluation Seminar in cooperation with FAME (www.sam.sdu.dk/fame)

**Total value of recreational fishery (NAF project 661040-90761)**

**Date:** August 26 to 27, 2003

**Venue:** The University of Southern Denmark, Niels Bohrs Vej 9, Esbjerg

**Organisers:** Project working group hosted by Eva Roth, University of Southern Denmark and Anna-Liisa Toivonen, Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute

### 1. Introduction

Since 1996 a Scandinavian group of Scientist have worked on the socio-economic implication of recreational fisheries in the Nordic Countries of Denmark, Finland, Norway, Iceland and Sweden. The Nordic working group of the project “Total value of recreational fishery” is interested in arranging an evaluation seminar of the project. Our research shows not surprisingly, that recreational fisheries have a large non-market value. That a systematic approach to valuation may give valuable inputs to social priorities and policy evaluation of protection of natural resources like fish – and the habitats sustaining these populations. That benefit transfer (the use of results from one area in another, it may be transnational or site specific) even between culturally narrow bands as the Nordic countries, is very difficult and may not lead to a very valid result. And lastly, that general studies of this nature may aid the policy decision making process by illuminating the possibilities of using survey data on non-market goods in par example cost-benefit analysis of environmental investments.

We would of course like to share our experiences and results with the broader public, but more important listen to the experiences of others and discuss the wider implications of research in the field of valuation of recreational resources.

### 2. Target group

We therefore invite interested parties around socioeconomics of recreational fishery. We estimate that the meeting will have around 40 participants, at least three of whom would be invited speakers, eleven would be the maximum representation of the project group and the rest is open for authorities, fisheries associations, research institutes and other interest groups.
3. Preliminary programme

Tuesday afternoon

Chair: Bo Bengtsson, Sweden
13:00 Welcome: Dean of Faculty
13:10 Introduction: Head of Institute Niels Vestergård
13:20 Evaluation: Anna-Liisa Toivonen, Finland, Hans Frost FOI, Denmark
14:30 Coffee break
15:00 Experiences: Graeme Peirson, UK. Valuation of Recreational Fishery in the UK.
15:45 Experiences, Árni Ísaksson, Iceland
Value of Icelandic salmonid angling. Does the freshwater administrative system enhance the value of sports fisheries?
16:15 Benefit transfer: Ståle Navrud, Norway
Can use and non-use value of freshwater fish stocks be transferred across the Nordic countries?
17:00 Discussion
17:30 End

Wednesday morning

Chair: Guðni Guðbergsson
09:00 Scientific Perspectives: Bengt Kristrøm, Finland
On the Value of Valuing Recreational Fishing
09:45 Scientific Perspectives: Veijo Kaitala
Scientific perspective on valuation of recreational fishery.
10:30 Coffee break
11:00 Jan Kappel, EAA, What is the Recreational Sea Anglers position in the reformed EU Common Fisheries Policy (CFP)?
11:30 Policy implications: Jesper Heldbo, Nordisk Ministerråd
12:00 Susanne Jensen, Impact of recreational fishery on the formal Danish economy
12:30 Discussion
13:00 Lunch

Wednesday afternoon

Chair: Eva Roth
14:30 Short presentations and discussion “panel?”
16:00 End

The final session would sum up possible ways of progressing, projecting and planning for future research and co-operation in the subject.

This session is open for short presentations from all present at the seminar – and for a broad discussion.
4. Members of the working group

Håkan Appelblad, Umeå University, Sweden
Bo Bengtsson, National Board of Fisheries, Sweden
Peter Geertz-Hansen, Danmarks Fiskeriundersøgelser
Guðni Guðbergsson, Institute of Freshwater Fisheries, Iceland
Daði Kristófersson, Agricultural University of Norway
Hilde Kyrkjebø, Direktoratet for Naturforvaltningen, Norway
Ståle Navrud, Agricultural University of Norway
Eva Roth, University of Southern Denmark
Anna-Liisa Toivonen, Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute
Pekka Tuunainen, Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute
Gösta Weissglas, Umeå University, Sweden

5. Publications and posters presented from the Nordic Project (to date)


Yours sincerely

Eva Roth
Anna-Liisa Toivonen

We thank the sponsors of the seminar; Nordisk Ministerråd, Fiskeriverket and Syddansk Universitet.
Participation
The seminar is free of charge for anyone wishing to participate. Participants pay their own travel and accommodation expenses.

Deadline is 20 August 2003 by e-mailing to fame@sam.sdu.dk.

Accommodation
Suggestions for accommodation can be found on www.sam.sdu.dk/fame

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