

Invitation to Coalition Clean Baltic Seminar - The Future for the Salmon River Luga

Kingisepp, Russia, 9-10 December 2009



Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB), with assistance of Russian partners **Baltic Fund for Nature** and **Green World** invite you to a seminar about the possibility of re-establishing the Luga river as a sustainable and natural habitat for Baltic Salmon.

The seminar has the aim to initiate the implementation of the HELCOM Baltic Sea Action Plan (BSAP) actions on salmon in Russia. The Luga river has great potential and a management plan here can be a part of the Russian commitment to implement HELCOM BSAP and perhaps serve as an example for other rivers. The action from BSAP states:

"the active conservation of at least ten endangered/threatened wild salmon river populations in the Baltic Sea region as well as introduction of native Baltic Sea salmon in at least four salmon rivers, by 2009".

The main purpose of the seminar:

- to raise awareness of the future prospects of the Luga as a natural habitat for salmon
- to initiate the work on a salmon restoration/management plan for the Luga river

The invited parties to this seminar include participants from local fishermen, local community and municipality, representatives from regional, national and international level including representatives from HELCOM Russian secretary, scientists and non-governmental organizations.

We expect that the seminar with a wide range of participants can serve as a starting point for the protection and restoration of the Luga river and the possibility of re-establishing of the full production capacity the Luga river as an attractive salmon habitat. The salmon in this case being an indicator fish of a healthy river system and the carrier of substantial economic value to the local community.

The main seminar will be held on the 9th and the following day a bus excursion to the Luga river sites and a visit to the Luga hatchery/fish farm are planned.

Working language of the seminar will be mostly in Russian but with on site translation to and from English. All documents will be available in both Russian and English.

There will be documents concerning the current status of the Luga river and about the value of a salmon river in both English and Russian at the seminar. There will also be a report made from the seminar available to all interested parties afterwards.

CCB will provide transport by bus from St. Petersburg the 9th and back on the 10th, arrange with accommodation if needed and provide food for all participants at the seminar.

If you interested in participating the seminar, please fill the registration form in English or Russian which is available on the CCB website: www.ccb.se/Salmonseminar09.htm and send it to Vera Ovcharenko

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