

**PROSPECTS FOR FUTURE SEALING IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC**  
**Norwegian-Russian Symposium in Tromsø 25 and 26 August 2008**

**TENTATIVE PROGRAM**

**25 August 2008**

**Opening**

*1100-1110 Welcome*

Ernst Bolle, Directorate of Fisheries, Norway

*1110-1145 Opening addresses*

Secretary General Jørn Krog, Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Oslo, Norway

Deputy director Aleksander A. Okhanov, Russian Fisheries Committee, Moscow, Russia

**The resources (Chair: Ernst Bolle)**

*1145-1215 The northeast Atlantic seal resources, their management and their role in the ecosystem*

Dr Tore Haug, Institute of Marine Research, Tromsø, Norway

*1215-1245 The status, management and ecological role of harp and hooded seals in Canada*

Garry B. Stenson, DFO, Newfoundland, Canada

*1245-1345 Lunch*

**The sealing (Chair: Vladimir Zabavnikov)**

*1345-1415 The traditional Russian hunt: Organisation, status and prospects*

Benedikt Gofman, Chapoma, Murmansk

*1415-1445 Changing the Russian hunt: the new boat-based approach*

Sergej Pocholov, Arkhangelsk

*1445-1515 The hunt in Norway: Management objectives, regulations and organisation*

Halvard P. Johansen, Norwegian Ministry of Fisheries and Coastal Affairs, Oslo

*1515-1545 Coffee*

*1545-1615 Norwegian sealing as seen from a sealers perspective*

Sealer Bjørne Kvernmo, Alta, Norway

*1615-1645 The seal hunt in Greenland: Organisation, status and prospects*

John Biilmann, KNAPK, Greenland

*1645-1715 Today's successful seal hunt in Canada: Organisation, status and prospects*

Richard Gillet, Newfoundland, Canada

*1930 Dinner*

## **26 August 2008**

### **The products (Chair: Paul Jensen)**

*0900-0930 Traditional products from the seal hunt: status and prospects*  
Director Knut Nygaard, CGRieberSKINN AS, Bergen, Norway

*0930-1000 Products from seals – potentials and possibilities*  
Cand.real. Mona Gilstad, Vega, Norway

*1000-1030 Building business around new products from the seal hunt*  
Director Arnfinn Karlsen, Polargodt AS, Tjøravåg, Norway

*1030-1100 Can seal oil contribute to better human health?*  
Professor Bjarne Østerud, University of Tromsø, Norway

*1100-1120 Coffee*

### **Seals and the world (Chair: Jørn Pedersen)**

*1120-1150 Seal hunting and the animal welfare issue*  
(Dr. med. vet. Egil Ole Øen, Drøbak, Norway)

*1150-1220 Why arrange a sealing conference in Vaasa, Finland – some thoughts after the international “Seals and society” conference in 2007.*  
(Eero Aro, Finnish Game and Fisheries Research Institute, Helsinki)

*1220-1250 Sustainable harvest of marine resources: should seals and fish be treated different?*  
(President Eugene Lapointe, IWMC World Conservation Trust, Florida, USA)

*1250-1300 Break*

*1300-1330 EU perspective of seals and sealing*  
(Fisheries Counsellor Paul Oma, Mission of Norway to the EU, Brussels, Belgium)

*1330-1400 Anti-sealing organizations – who are they and what are their arguments?*  
Cand.scient. in political sciences Georg Blichfeldt, Olsborg, Norway

*1400-1500 Lunch*

### **Discussion**

*1500-1645 Does sealing in the North Atlantic have a future?*

A discussion between the audience and a selected panel including Halvard P. Johansen, Bjørne Kvernmo, Aleksander Okhanov, Richard Gillet, John Biilmann, Knut Nygaard and Eugene Lapointe

The discussion will be lead by Gunnar Sætra, Fiskeribladet Fiskaren, Tromsø, Norway

## **Closing**

*1645-1700 Concluding remarks*

(Liv Holmefjord, Directorate of Fisheries, Bergen, Norway)

## **Exhibitions**

We will encourage for exhibition of relevant products from the sealing industry.