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For and against MSC- labelling of fish
16th of Dec. 15 - 18 hrs in DGI-byen



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Til rette vedkommende

Hermed inviteres alle interesserede til at deltage og/eller overvære en offentlig MSC høring, som afholdes i forbindelse med klimatopmødet COP15.

Høringen afholdes onsdag den 16/12 2009 kl. 15 - 18 i DGI byen. Tietgensgade 65. 1704 København

Med en advokat som formand for høringspanelet og et panel på fire forbrugere, udvalgt af Forbrugerrådet, gives hvert vidne ca. fem minutter til at afgive et høringssvar. Der afsættes ikke tid til diskussion eller debat. Høringen bliver optaget på video og 3 referenter tager referat og udarbejder derefter høringsrapport med inddragelse af de skriftlige bidrag. Før offentliggørelse godkendes rapporten af panelet.

Deadline for tilmelding som vidne er kl. 15.00 onsdag den 16/12. Det samme gælder for de skriftlige høringssvar.

I samme forbindelse inviterer Levende Hav alle med interesser for havmiljø, fisk og fiskeri til et besøg på Miljøkutter Anton og Levende Havs hovedkvarter på Havnegade v/Knippelsbro. I anledningen af COP15, flytter Levende Hav til København fra 6/12 - 20/12 og der er udstillinger, debatter og mange andre aktiviteter i og omkring teltene.

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Bemærk: Skriftlige bidrag sendes inden den 16/12 kl. 15.00 til mail llh@levende-hav.dk

MSC HEARING – MSC HEARING – MSC HEARING

Place: Copenhagen, DGI-byen. Tietgensgade 65. 1704 København V.
Klimaforum09 "Peoples Climate Summit"

Date: Wednesday 16 of December 2009

Time: 3.00 – 6.00 pm (15.00 – 18.00)

Organization: The Danish Society for a Living Sea, Denmark

Subject: Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and the Climate

Participants: People and organizations with interest in fishery and climate. All are invited to contribute with their testimony or/and written documents. **Note!** The registration for testimony and documents closes 3.00 pm (15.00) Wednesday 16 of December 2009

Background

In 1995, The Danish Society for a Living Sea started to work with blue “organic” labeling of fisheries. After thorough discussions, it was clear to us that we had to focus on the industry, methods and environmental impact of the fisheries, rather on the individual fish caught: in order to label a fish “organic” or “ecological”, one must address the way it is caught and the fisheries impact on the environment and the climate.

Read more on the homepage http://www.levendehav.dk/politik/oekologiske_fisk/okologisk-fiskeri.htm.

In 1999, “[Marine Stewardship Council](#)” (MSC) stated its certification and labeling of fisheries. From day one of these efforts, however, Living Sea has criticizing MSC for having an acceptable focus on the biological sustainability but a weak environmental position without any energy criteria in their certification.

In connection with the UN Climate Summit, Living Sea, Denmark accuses MSC of gross irresponsibility, bordering on swindle. MSC is legitimizing unsustainable fisheries that have massive negative impact on the climate by giving the fish consumer a false eco-label for fish and fish products. MSC is therefore “not better than nothing”.

Living Sea’s prime focus in the global fisheries is the extreme use of fossil energy in the trawl fishery.

Living Sea will be present and active in the civil society’s alternative summit during the Copenhagen Climate Summit December 2009. One of our main focal points during the summit will be this hearing about MSC and the climate.

- **Question: All have to deliver to a better climate how can and will MSC fulfill its climate responsibilities in its ambition to Eco-labeling the global fisheries?**

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Form of the hearing

The hearing will summon five persons selected with the aim of securing objectivity and versatility in the discussions of the fishery industry and the market for fish. There will be a panel chairman. Three reporters will be responsible for minutes/reports from the hearing, and after the hearing a common report will be produced and signed by the panel before being published.

All possible interested parties and stakeholders will be invited to contribute with their testimony. There will be no debate or discussion under the hearing. The panel can ask the witness to clarify misunderstandings, but there will be no further exchanges on possible disagreements.

Each witness will be given minimum five minutes to state his or her case. (Depending on the number of participants, this minimum may be expanded). The Marine Stewardship Council will get the time needed to defend their case.

The hearing will be video recorded.