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Round table discussion

Blue mussel farming in the Baltic Sea: Benefits and risks

Time	Thursday 26 November 2020, at 2 pm – 4 pm
Venue	Web meeting via Zoom. Link will be provided by Emilija Žilinskaitė, SLU.
Registration	No later than 25 november via this link or through our website www.ksla.se
Fee	No fee
Questions	Content: Eva Ronquist, eva.ronquist@ksla.se , tel + 46 8 54 54 77 06, Registration: Agneta Davidsson Ohlson, agneta.ohlson@ksla.se , tel + 46 8 54 54 77 12 This workshop is financed by the Carl Fredrik von Horn foundation.

The potential for blue mussel farming in the Baltic Sea, for the purpose of reducing eutrophication, is a topic where different stakeholders have diverging opinions. In part, the difference in opinion may be due to the fact that different stakeholders value the environmental, economic and social dimensions of sustainability with mussel farming differently.

SLU, in collaboration with the Committee on Baltic Sea Issues within the Royal Swedish Academy of Agriculture and Forestry, has arranged this round table of Swedish stakeholders with a range of viewpoints about blue mussel farming in the Baltic. The group includes entrepreneurs, academics, NGOs and municipal government representatives. We believe that everyone at the round table shares a vision for a healthy Baltic Sea ecosystem but have valid differences of opinion about the sustainability of blue mussel farming.

We hope that by sharing viewpoints on environmental, social and economic aspects, it will be possible to move towards a more holistic and shared understanding of the potential benefits and risks of blue mussel farming, thereby contributing to a more sustainable Baltic Sea.

Please note that this meeting is only for invited participants.

Best wishes,

Eva Pettersson
Secretary General and Managing Director, KSLA



Programme

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Moderator Dennis Collentine, Researcher at the Department of Soil and Environment, SLU

2.00 Welcome

Anders Kiessling, SLU and the Committee on Baltic Sea Issues, KSLA

2.05 Introduction, planning of the meeting

Dennis Collentine

2.10 Short presentations by stakeholders

Sofia Wikström, Ass. Professor; Nils Hedberg, Researcher; Nils Kautsky, Professor;
all at Stockholm University Baltic Sea Center

Susanna Minnhagen, coordinator of the Kalmarsund Commission, Kalmar

Odd Lindahl, entrepreneur, Musselfeed

Martin Karlsson & Martin Reutgard, entrepreneurs at Ecopelag

Peter Wiwen-Nilsson, CEO, Race For The Baltic (RFTB)

Mikhail Durkin, Executive secretary, Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB)

3.00 Short break

3.10 Discussion

3.55 Conclusions and ending

Dennis Collentine & Martyn Futter, SLU