



Seagull Water working group SE Minutes 031124, summary

1. SWOT-analysis

A second draft was presented. Discussion and supplementation.

2. First outline international report

Suggested structure and content of the report "Description of the water situation in the ERB area, in relation to the WFD" was presented. In the report, it is necessary to underline the importance of good water as crucial for regional development - for the Baltic Sea, tourism, drinking water etc.

3. Reports

Report from the Lyckeby River School project. Education of teachers.

Next "Lyckeby River Day" will take place spring 2005.

International expert meeting in Gdansk in December.

4. Next meeting

At next meeting Mr Lars Kylefors from the company "Vatten och samhällsteknik" will present an analysis about the WFD and the consequences on already existing Swedish legislation within the field of spatial planning and building. This study has used Lyckeby River as a case study.

5. Torsås municipality

Ms Kerstin Ahlberg, Torsås municipality, presented their local water work.

Decline of fish (pike and perch), increasing growth of algae and increasing eutrophication of coastal waters have raised the interest among citizens, local environmental organisations, fishers and local politicians. Today, the situation is acute.

The municipality has built 12 new wetlands for nutrient reduction; financed by EU, the national government, the region, the municipality and private companies. Two more wetlands are planned, as a way to increase the bathing water quality at two popular beaches.

Local NGO:s have started a local work aiming to improve the situation in bays and on beaches close to their own homes or summer cottage areas. Today the NGO:s co-operate with each other, with the municipality and with different institutions. They have also, in co-operated with the University of Stockholm, made a survey of the situation along the coast of Torsås municipality, arranged coastal conferences etc. 19 of 22 investigated areas have high levels of phosphorous, 2 of 22 areas very high levels of nitrogen.

Ongoing:

Plan of action, based on the report from the University of Stockholm.

- Pilot study controlled drainage (Swedish University of Agricultural Science, municipality, Kalmar County Administration Board)
- New wetlands
- Wetlands, dams, migration barriers and fish
- Contacts with landowners
- “Focus on Nutrients” (national education programme for farmers)
- Nitrogen reduction, Bergkvara waste water treatment plant
- Waste water treatment from private houses
- Part in a national study (The Swedish Environmental Protection Agency) - the possible conflict between objectives about decreasing phosphorous leakage (less livestock) and objectives about saving the pastures (more livestock).

6. Other

Discussion about the need of a local/regional network for water issues?

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