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Minute

A meeting of the BISAC Working Group 5

May 13, 2021

Subject: WG 5 - Recreational fishing

On May 13, 2021, through the ZOOM system, a meeting of BISAC Working Group 5 on recreational fishing took place.

The meeting was attended by video conference Mr. Galin Nikolov - NAFA Burgas, Mr. Konstantin Petrov - GFCM, Mrs. Ancuta Kazimirovicz - ANPA Bucharest, Mr. Florian Mazilu - Anpa Constanta.

BISAC members: Marian Paiu, Dragos Buhai, Aniela Ivanova, European Fishermen's Association and BISAC secretariat.

The meeting was opened by the President of BISAC, Mr Yordan Gospodinov. Participants and guests at the meeting greet BISAC members.

Mr Gospodinov noted that more and more amateur fishermen have strong boats that have a negative impact on commercial fishing with stationary gear. The same gear is used for recreational and commercial fishing, and sometimes recreational fishing is transformed into small-scale fishing because the sale of fish is sought.

Mr Galin Nikolov added that recreational fishing is more of a hobby and takes place more inland and less at sea.

Ms. Ancuta Kazimirovicz stated that in Romania at this time amateur fishermen can apply for permits online and must complete a catch file. She also mentioned the intention of the Romanian and Bulgarian authorities to change the ban period on turbot.

Ms. Mirea added that if a joint recommendation is to be developed to change the ban period for turbot, it should be borne in mind that the BISAC opinion is essential and that time is needed for its members to be consulted.

Mr. Simov mentioned that he is a secretary of the Federation for sportfishing. He finds that the fish stocks are declining. He proposes a memorandum between his federation and BISAC. He wants increased resources for control. A fund for restocking the Black Sea to be created. Mr Simov proposes a separate Law for recreational fishing and also states that there is a huge difference between amateur fishing and sport fishing.

Mr. Petrov added that methodology and schemes for fisheries observation are sought in each country in order to find a way for increased control. Checking the quality of the collected data is of utmost importance.

Recommendations:

- Collection of catch data from recreational fishing
- Better control of those who carry out these activities
- Information campaigns for amateur fishermen

The meeting was closed.

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President of BISAC: Dr. Yordan Gospodinov