



EIFAAC PROJECT

EIFAAC Support to Fish Passage 2015 Conference

PRELIMINARY	
a. Owner	EIFAAC
b. Role of EIFAAC¹	EIFAAC's role as a European wide organisation is exceptional to support and promote inland fisheries and aquaculture. Improving fish passage is one of the core issues in the development and management of inland fisheries and fish stocks.
1. OBJECTIVE AND EXPECTED OUTCOME	
1.1 Purpose	The goal of the Fish Passage 2015 Conference is to share fish passage and river connectivity best practices with international colleagues beyond Europe and to attract worldwide experts. EIFAAC supports the Conference, and participation in the project also supports EIFAAC's work in the inland fisheries. During the project EIFAAC can build stronger partnerships with stakeholders in the field of fish passage. The project is linked to EIFAAC strategic objectives I and IV.
1.2 Objectives²	The objectives for EIFAAC include better networking with stakeholders and international colleagues beyond Europe by 2015. The project also strengthens EIFAAC's position as a source of expert technical and scientific advice to support this sector. For EIFAAC there may be a possibility to share the information from the project outcomes through it's publication channels by 2015.
1.3 Rationale³	EIFAAC wants to strengthen its relationship with international stakeholders from beyond Europe and needs to be recognized as relevant partner and as a source of expert advice for the fish passage sector. EIFAAC should also engage with experts from outside Europe to ensure best practice in fish passage in Europe.
1.4 Benefits	There are general benefits to EIFAAC's work from better visibility. EIFAAC is among the organizers and also represented at the Conference. Broadening the EIFAAC scope of influence is expected. Emerging from this Conference can also be an EIFAAC publication (e.g. case studies reported in the conference).

¹ Explain what is the specific, unique role of EIFAAC compared to other groups/organisations that may deal with this subject, too? Has EIFAAC the role of being "lead agency", "participant" or other role?

² Statement of the objective(s) (PLEASE NOTE: objectives need to be **SMART**: Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Relevant and Time-bound).

³ Reason for the project; why the project is important and key outcomes and stakeholders.

2. PROJECT MANAGEMENT	
2.1 Project Manager or Chair	Teppo Vehanen (Finland)
2.1.1 Management responsibilities ⁴	Mr. Vehanen is a member of the Organizing Committee of the Conference as EIFAAC representative and informs EIFAAC about the development of the Conference arrangements. This Committee will identify potential Conference participants.
2.2 Participants⁵ and stakeholders	
2.2.1 Participants	Three experts (names in alphabetical order) from three countries, i.e. Comoglio Claudio (Italy), Gallagher Cathal (Ireland), Vehanen Teppo (Finland) – Project Manager.
2.2.2. Stakeholders concerned and involved	North American Fish Passage organization; the Karlstad University (Sweden); Wanningen Water Consult (The Netherlands); Dutch Angling Association (The Netherlands); and the Project More room for fish (The Netherlands).
2.3 Time frame⁶	Q2 2014 to Q3 2015
2.4 Expected deliverables⁷	Scientific report, Project report
2.5 Outline of Working Methodology⁸	Work includes meetings and the Conference.

⁴ e.g., serve as chair, report to appropriate bodies, set agenda and work plan, coordinate country reports and running of the meeting, edit report, edit draft advice.

⁵ Identify potential participants; include details of relevance of the participant to the project and the capacity in which participation is carried out.

⁶ Expected/intended duration of the project

⁷ List potential project deliverables; e.g. Policy guidelines; best-practice guidelines; recommendations; scientific report; project report; etc.

⁸ How the project work to be is conducted e.g. meetings, workshops, literature review, research. A methodology should be provided for and closely linked with each of the objectives.

3. BUDGET	
3.1 Budget⁹	
3.1.1 Available	No
3.1.2 Possible	Funds for travelling are attained through members' own organizations.
3.1.3 required	An EIFAAC budget is not required.

⁹ In relation to budget, answer each of the three categories with “yes” or “no”, and provide details if appropriate/needed

EIFAAC STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Select one of below list:

I. Management-related issues and principles for inland fisheries and aquaculture	
II. Interactions and avoidance or resolution of conflicts in inland fisheries and aquaculture	
III. Harmonization of cross-border and cross-sectoral governance and legal aspects of inland fisheries and aquaculture	
IV. Protection and restoration of the environment and species	
V. Trade and economic aspects of inland fisheries and aquaculture	
VI. Development of databases on inland fisheries and aquaculture	
VII. Climate change	