



NorthSeaFish

Innovation from catch to plate



Dear people,

As member of the board of the Municipality of De Marne, lead beneficiary of the Interreg IVB North Sea Region project North Sea Fish: innovation from catch to plate, I am proud to present the first North Sea Fish newsletter to you.

The project North Sea Fish: innovation from catch to plate started in September 2012 and is a cooperation between 6 partners from 4 countries around the North Sea. A beautiful North Sea Fish website is in the air since the beginning of 2013. The website is one of the steps in this international project to create the opportunity to share information. We are looking forward to your reactions!

Let me introduce myself to you. One year ago I started working as alderman in the municipality of De Marne. A small but beautiful place along the Wadden coast in the northern part of the Netherlands in which I have the co responsibility to govern the local region. In this municipality the fishery harbour Lauwersoog is operating. Besides my work as an alderman I am a practicing organic dairy farmer. I am looking forward to the cooperation with the North Sea Fish partners and their networks in the whole fishery chain from catch to plate. In the coming two years we will work together within different themes of sustainable fishery, the connection between fishery and tourism and increasing the perspective for sustainable fishery. As lead beneficiary we support the cooperation between the partners.

In our own harbour Lauwersoog we investigate the long term perspectives for a sustainable fishery especially related to the shrimp catch and the marketing of fresh products in the harbour. A second project is to make a future proof framework for the logistics in the harbour where the fresh fish is landed and to improve the way to the consumers. An important aspect in North Sea Fish for us is to establish a contact point for the fishery sector and its local community.

Besides the cooperation on activity level we also organise several meetings. The North Sea Fish start conference is planned for the 18th of April this year and takes place in Lauwersoog. Please keep yourself informed via our website www.northseafish.eu!!

I wish you all the best and success with your inspiring work wherever you are.

Harm Evert Waalkens

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About North Sea Fish

6 partners from 4 countries around the North Sea work together in North Sea Fish.

The Interreg IVB North Sea Region Programme

NSF Partners

The North Sea Fish partners (on the map) and all stakeholders in these regions represent the entire supply chain from catch to plate. More experienced partners take the lead and share their experiences and expertise, while others create new development areas.

- 1 **Municipality of De Marne**
- 2 **Municipality of Harlingen**
- 3 **University of Hull**
- 4 **Municipality of Sluis**
- 5 **ILVO** Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research, Ostend
- 6 **Port of Hanstholm**

The main aim of North Sea Fish is to increase the innovative capacity of fishery ports and fish based regional economies across the North Sea Region by promoting the development of efficient, effective and sustainable logistics solutions.

In North Sea Fish partners will exchange experiences and expertise and also share these with other organizations and regions. More experienced partners will take the lead in specific actions, while others will create a new development area. Specific actions will be jointly executed by all partners, e.g. the forecast of future perspectives for the wet fish economies and an inventory of necessary steps to be taken for the change towards a competitive and sustainable supply chain. The outcomes from this project will form the basis for further action in the near future.

Pre-announcement North Sea Fish Start Conference

The North Sea Fish Start Conference is due on the 18th of April and takes place in Lauwersoog, The Netherlands. Registration is open until April 10. Would you like to be invited? Send an e-mail to info@northseafish.eu.

