



Barents Euro-Arctic Council

Working Group on Environment

Subgroup on Nature and Water (SNW)

Virtual meeting, 23 September 2020

10:00-12:30 Finnish time

Draft agenda

9:45-10:00 Arrival to the meeting, virtual “coffee” available, social gathering

10:00-10:10 1. Opening of the meeting and round of introductions
SNW Chair Anna Kuhmonen, Finnish Environment Institute SYKE

10:10-10:15 2. Adoption of the minutes from the previous meeting

10:15-10:45 3. Suggestion on Biodiversity commitment from the Barents Region
Presentation by Henna Haapala, Ministry of the Environment of Finland, discussion

10:45-12:10 4. Short updates of the projects in the Work Program

10:45-10:55 4.1 Biodiversity in changing climate

- Short presentation of the project “Impacts of the climate change on the biodiversity in the Barents Region – from knowledge to mitigation and adaptation (BARIMS)” and discussion on its implementation, Kirsi Kostamo, Finnish Environment Institute SYKE

10:55-11:05 **Break 10 minutes**

11:05-11:30 4.4. Forests

- Presentation of the suggested project for further cooperation on high conservation value forests in the Barents Region, with possibility to apply NCM funding, Anna Kuhmonen, Finnish Environment Institute SYKE
- Discussion on the project and possibility to share recent news regarding forests in the Barents region, if any



11:30-11:40 4.5 Migratory fish

- Salmonid Fish and Freshwater Pearl Mussel - Ecosystem Services and Biodiversity in the Green Belt of Fennoscandia (SALMUS) – short information by Tiia Kalske, Finnmark County Governor

11:40-11:50 4.6 Water management and aquatic ecosystem restoration

- Cross-border dialogue and Multi-Use Planning in the Pasvik and Grense Jakobselv catchments (MUP) – short information by Tiia Kalske, Finnmark County Governor

11:50-12:00 4.7 Water and waste water services

- Tana River I, short presentation by Jari Pasanen/Ilona Grekelä, ELY Centre for Lapland

12:00-12:10 4.8 Habitat Contact Forum

- Evaluation on the outcomes of the Habitat Contact Forums – short information by the SNW Chair

12:10-12:20 5. Discussion on possible SNW webinars

12:20-12:30 6. Conclusions and next meeting
