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Dear Mr. Reine J. Johansen and Mrs. Ewa Milewska,

Thank you for the invitation to speak at the conference "Baltic Sea Fisheries: Lessons Learned and Future Perspectives" on October 1, 2009.

I have already accepted your invitation to attend and I also with pleasure accept the opportunity to address the conference on the topic "Future perspectives for the Baltic Sea fishery and the environment". It is a matter of great importance and I am looking forward to present the Danish views and priorities in relation to the Baltic Sea and the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

As you are aware, I think that one of the very important factors to ensure a sustainable fishery is the elimination of discards. Discard entail a loss of resources and is an impediment to the rebuilding of stocks. In this regard, I appreciate the Baltic Sea RAC's attendance and input at the Baltic Sea Discards Workshop 26 June 2009.

I recognize that this conference can constitute another important platform to continue the discussions on the elimination of discards and other issues in relation to the future perspectives for the Baltic Sea fisheries and environment, including the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy.

Yours Sincerely,

  
Eva Kjer Hansen