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“Latvian and Lithuanian conjunction - Improvement of Baltic salmon and pikeperch rearing methods for more sustainable, resilient, and healthy fish populations” (SPPwelfare) / No. LL-00133*

International scientific-practical conference „FISH RESOURCES, SUSTAINABILITY AND FUTURE CHALLENGES”

February 12–13, 2026

Hotel “Kaunas”, 79 Laisvės Av., Kaunas, Lithuania

AGENDA

Thursday, 12 th February 2026, International final conference of the project		
9:00–10:00	<i>Arrival and registration of participants</i>	
OPENING SESSION & INTERREG SPPWELFARE PROJECT OVERVIEW		
10:00–10:15	General introduction	Ministry of Agriculture of Lithuania / Fisheries Service of Lithuania
10:15–10:40	Pisciculture activities of the Fisheries Service in Lithuania and INTERREG project results	Justas Poviliūnas , Fisheries Service under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Lithuania <i>Lithuania</i>
10:40–11:00	Introduction to the INTERREG project “SPPwelfare”, Baltic salmon health assessment and application of probiotics	Žanna Bertaite / Santa Purviņa / Kristofers Millers , (BIOR) <i>Latvia</i>
11:00–11:20	Biosecurity Guidelines for Fish farms	Olga Revina , (BIOR) <i>Latvia</i>
11:20–11:40	<i>Discussion and coffee break</i>	
INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES ON AQUACULTURE, FISH WELFARE AND MANAGEMENT		
11:40–12:00	Optimizing Sturgeon Rearing Practices – Tank Color Experiments	Jessica Bathe-Peters , Leibniz Institute of Freshwater Ecology and Inland Fisheries (IGB) <i>Germany</i>
12:00–12:20	Precision Nutrition and functional ingredients: nucleotides and B-glucans for promoting fish welfare and health in aquaculture	Baldassare Fronte , University of Pisa <i>Italy</i>

12:20–12:40	Organization of the wildlife management services in Tuscany and the case study of the macrostigma trout	Massimo Machetti , Directorate for Agriculture and Rural Development of the Tuscan Region <i>Italy</i>
12:40–13:00	EFCA and its Involvement in OPLake (illegal trafficking of eel)	Vincent Chapel , European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) <i>Spain</i>
13:00–13:15	Discussion	
13:15–14:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
STATUS AND MANAGEMENT OF FISH RESOURCES IN LITHUANIA		
14:15–14:35	Status of Vendace (Coregonus) Fish Populations in Lithuanian lakes and threats to their Resources	Algirdas Kaupinis , Vilnius University <i>Lithuania</i>
14:35–15:00	Status of salmonid fish stocks in the Neris River basin, their changes and prospects	Vytautas Kesminas , State Scientific Research Institute Nature Research Centre (NRC) <i>Lithuania</i>
15:00–15:20	Comparison of the growth of artificially reared salmon juveniles with their wild counterparts in natural habitats during the first year of life	Vytautas Rakauskas , State Scientific Research Institute Nature Research Centre (NRC) <i>Lithuania</i>
15:20–15:40	<i>Discussion and coffee break</i>	
15:40–16:00	The results of Data Collection program implementation in Lithuania	Antanas Kontautas , Klaipėda University <i>Lithuania</i>
16:00–16:20	Overview of the private aquaculture sector	Rolandas Morkūnas , National Association of Aquaculture and Fish Product Producers <i>Lithuania</i>
16:20–17:00	Discussions	
19:00	<i>Dinner</i>	
Friday, 13th February 2026, International final conference of the project		
PRACTICAL PART		
10:00–14:30	Visit and discussions at the Southern Region Pisciculture Division of the Fisheries Service in Simnas (Kalesninkų k., Alytaus r.)	
14:30–15:00	Departure	

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