



Exchange of experience, LIFE – Triple Lakes, Jämtland, Sweden

14-15th of May 2019



Arctic char, one of the LIFE Triple Lakes target species.

Photo: Lars Häreblad

Day 1

First day was a seminar inside the Clarion Hotel in the centre of town Östersund, where we first got detailed information about the LIFE Triple Lakes – project (Triple Lakes - Catchment restoration and preventive action for aquatic habitats in a climate change perspective, LIFE13 NAT/SE/000116) from the project leaders.

Then followed lectures connected to lakes, fishes, climate change and restoration from the Swedish Hydrological and Metrological Institute (SMHI), Luleå Technical University, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences and Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management. A man named Mikael Sundberg gave an appreciated lecture regarding the trout in Lake Storsjön from a historical perspective. The seminar was ended with Roger Vallins (County Administrative Board of Västerbotten) presentation of the ReBorN-project.

Day 2

Day two was an excursion day where we visited some of the Triple Lakes project sites. First, we visited River Bilstaån where different fish passages have been built to secure the fish migration from Lake Storsjön to Lake Näkten.



A constructed bypass channel in Bilstaån to secure fish migration past the first hydropower plant. Photo: Patrik Olofsson, CABN



A constructed fish ladder in the upper part of River Bilstaån. Photo: Patrik Olofsson, CABN

After the first stop we had lunch at the beautiful Revsundlogen in the village of Revsund. After lunch we visited a demonstration site close to river Skidån where we had a look and discussed regarding the forestry's consideration towards lakes and rivers. The site had a lot in common with our own demonstration sites within the ReBorN-project.



Information sign about forestry close to water. Photo: Patrik Olofsson, CABN

Final stop before we headed back to Östersund was at River Gimån. We got information about the management of the fishing in the river and most of us agreed that they have succeeded well in that aspect. There are also high culture values in/next to the river from the timber floating era and we had a discussion about how to keep culture values but still make river restorations. The plan now was to remove an old timber floating dam and we took a walk to the dam for further discussions.



Restored river stretch in the upper part of river Bilstaån.

Photo: Patrik Olofsson, CABN

Participants from the ReBorN-project was Roger Vallin, County Administrative Board of Västerbotten, Emil Öhman, Swedish Forest Agency and Patrik Olofsson, County Administrative Board of Norrbotten.

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