



West Nordic cooperation on fisheries and the EU

West Nordic Council Theme Conference

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Founded in 1985, the West Nordic Council is the joint parliamentary organisation of Greenland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands. The Council held a conference in Tórshavn in June 2005, inviting the Secretary to give one of the keynote speeches on bilateral and multilateral agreements on fisheries and fish trade between the EU and the three West Nordic countries, Greenland, Iceland and the Faroe Islands.

The participants were ministers, parliamentarians and senior civil servants.

Other keynote speeches were given by

Ásmundur Guðjónsson, Nordic Council of Ministers: Scope for Nordic cooperation in fisheries.

Asmund Kristoffersen, Environment and Resource Committee of the Nordic Council: The role of the Nordic Council in Nordic fisheries cooperation in the future.

Harry Koster, the EU Commission: EU principles for future bilateral agreements in fisheries.

The ministers of fisheries of the Faroe Islands, Bjørn Kalsø, Greenland, Rasmus Fredriksen and Iceland, Árni Mathiassen presented the views of their respective countries on the possibilities of fisheries cooperation in the West Nordic area.

There was a free and lively exchange of views. These theme conferences do not make recommendations, but in general participants supported cooperation and coordination in the Area, in particular also when facing the rest of the world.

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