

THE THIRD REFERENCE GROUP MEETING IN AKUREYRI, ICELAND, MARCH 8TH 2010

Meeting agenda:

1. Status up to date in the project
2. Presentation: Anne Matilainen
3. Hunting and EU directives
4. Results from the sales organisational survey
5. Other discussions

List of participants can be found in Appendix 1

1. STATUS UP TO DATE IN THE PROJECT

Eyrún presented an update of activities in the project's work packages since the last reference group meeting.

2. PRESENTATION FROM ANNE MATILAINEN

Anne Matilainen presented hunting tourism in Finland and what the current debate issues are.

3. HUNTING AND EU DIRECTIVES

Bjarni Pálsson, Environment Agency of Iceland, presented EU directives about wild game hunting and how they could affect hunting in Iceland.

4. RESULTS FROM THE SALES ORGANISATIONAL SURVEY

Eyrún presented the results of the sales organisational survey as part of wp 3.1.

5. OTHER DISCUSSIONS

It was decided that the next meeting will be held soon, and that it would be a joint meeting with the development group. It was decided that the meeting will be held before the end of April.

APPENDIX 1

MEMBERS OF THE ICELANDIC REFERENCE GROUP

Present:

Ásmundur Helgi Steindórsson (Consultant and hunter)

Ásta Þorleifsdóttir (East Iceland Tourism Marketing Agency)

Bjarni Pálsson (Environment Agency of Iceland)

Elvar Árni Lund (SKOTVÍS – Icelandic Hunting and Shooting Association)

Emil Björnsson (Icelandic Reindeer Guides Association)

Eyrún Jenný Bjarnadóttir (Icelandic Tourism Research Centre)

Guðbjörg H. Jóhannesdóttir (The Farmers Association of Iceland)

Hjördís Sigursteinsdóttir (RHA – The Research Centre of the University of Akureyri)

Jón Ágúst Jónsson (East Iceland Environmental Research Institute)

Sigríður Bragadóttir (Vopnafjörðurs Agricultural Association)

Absent:

Yann Kolbeinsson (Fuglavernd – Birdlife Iceland)