

To the Prime Minister of Finland
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Dear Prime Minister Petteri Orpo,

Ahead of the EU negotiations on Baltic Sea fishing opportunities for 2027, we are writing to express our concern about our shared herring stocks.

We know that fishing means a lot to Finland, and that you wish to see increased fishing opportunities. As representatives of Swedish anglers, we share that wish. Like you, we dream of a healthy Baltic Sea where fish stocks are abundant, and fishing is good for Finns and Swedes alike.

Healthy herring stocks are essential to that future – not only for fishing communities, but also for other fish that depend on them for food. To give these stocks a chance to recover, we believe that we all need to be more cautious than we have been over the last few decades.

Simply put – if we want to catch more fish tomorrow, we need to catch less today.

The negotiations on next year's Baltic Sea fishing quotas are a decisive moment for the sea we share. Finland's decisions affect fishing in Sweden, just as Sweden's decisions affect fishing in Finland. By working together, we can help secure that future.

We therefore kindly ask for your support in protecting our shared fish stocks. Specifically, we ask you to vote for reduced fishing pressure on herring in both the Bothnian and the Baltic Sea, and to support moving the trawl boundary offshore along Sweden's entire east coast.

As a small thank-you in advance, we are sending you a different kind of herring: Sour Herring from Swedish candy manufacturer Kolsvart. They are sustainably produced and can be consumed in great numbers – without endangering any vulnerable fish stocks. If you like them, we are happy to send you more.

Thank you for helping us protect the herring!