

18th Session of the PFII
Intervention by the Saami council (and others??)

Item 3:

Follow up to the recommendations of the Forum

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On behalf of the Sámi council and The sámi parliaments in sweden, norway and finland We briefly want to recall a recommendation from the report of the 16th session of the permanent forum, paragraph 24, which requests the Governments of Finland and Norway to renegotiate the Deatnu fishing agreement with the full and effective participation of Sami rights holders.

The fishing agreement of 2017 in Deatnu threatens the continuation of Sámi culture and our knowledge by criminalising Sámi fishers and strongly restricting our customary use of salmon. The states also granted new fishing rights to finnish outsiders at the same time as sámi fishing was heavily restricted. There must not be conflict between conservation and customary sustainable use of biological resources.

The new fishing agreement for Deatnu must be negotiated with respect to the Sámi rights and knowledge holders and there has to be full Free, Prior and informed Consent from the sámi people. We would much appreciate if the Forum would remind the named governments of this obligation, as the states are soon reviewing the agreement.

Giitu iežan oasis.