



Results Workshop Fly Fishing, 9-6-2007, Kolasin

Objectives:

- ❑ Identify existing offer, best river stretches and fishing clubs
- ❑ discuss possible development of touristic offer and necessary facilities
- ❑ define development project

Summary:

A short profile of fly fishing in the Alps:

- 5 mio fishermen in Germany
- german magazin „Fliegenfischen“ claiming about 400.000 readers, TV-magazin „Fish and fun“ with growing number of viewers
- Fly-fishing is the „jewel“ of fishing
- In the Alps daily licenses can cost up to 180.-€ for “top waters”, not including the equipment, accomodation and board.
- Average daily license fee in Austria is around 50.-€; most waters are catch-and-release or 2 fish per day and regulations are very strict.

The trends in fly fishing:

- growing number of fly-fishermen who travel regularly to remote and extraordinary rivers
- attractive target group for pristine and unspoiled areas
- willing to pay for the quietness, beauty of nature, and the wild untouched fishing waters
- prefer rare or endogenic fish species
- NO POLLUTION: Dirt and trash MUST be removed because that is not accepted at all. Very sensitive target groups for any pollution!
- prices and other cost is not an important argument if the quality is at its best.

Necessary preconditions:

- well managed waters : catch & release or/and strict takeout regulations
- co-operation with fish breeders, scientists and governmental institutions to rejuvenate and strengthen the fish population
- fly-fishing school and shop, equipment rental and sale
- hotel or B&B specialised on fly-fishing: high quality, information about fishing
- sale of licenses (for 1day, 3days, 1week, 2weeks, 1year), sale also for tourists
- guiding, (in german or english?)
- information: topographic map with fishing waters (best spots and river stretches, possible dangers, regulations)
- integration into tourism marketing of the region (folders, internet, etc.)

Situation in the region:

- Andrijevic: SRD “Lim”, contact: Radisav Vulević; in charge of issuing fishing permits, daily permit 5E, equipment to rent, guiding services; the best spots: depend on the time of the year and the amount of water; Catch and release rule for all fish
- Berane: SRD "Lim", contact: Željko Obadović 067 544 966; daily permits for tourists 10 E, can be issued in the asociation, in the shops of fishing equipment, or by the guards, a lot of excellent spots(a problem with the waste on some...), asociation can provide guides..



- Kolasin: SRD Kolasin, contact: Vejo Vlahović; Two specially spotlighted spots, Mrtvica and the part of Tara close to the town, abundance of fish, daily permit 20E, take 3 of the caught fish, the rest is catch and release rule
- Mojkovac: Fishing association, contact: Mika Barac; Daily permit 20E, catch and release rule, Tara river, guiding services possible
- Bijelo Polje: Fishing association, contact: Duško Obradović; daily permit for the members 5E, Lim and its tributaries, catch and release rule; guiding services possible

Discussions:

- Ministry for Agriculture and Water management hands out licences for fishing as well as for gravel exploitation – for the same river stretches! Certain river stretches and spots need to be protected and excluded from gravel exploitation!
- In Bieljo Polje the river Bistrica is a beautiful area for fly fishing. Already some new infrastructures planned.
- Clean-up of rivers has started.
- If fish hatchery is built in the National park there will be no advantages for the local fishing clubs.

There is high demand for:

- **map of waters and information material**
- more guards to protect from illegal fishing, well organized network of guarding service
- rental equipment
- fish hatchery
- cleaning up of rivers
- fishermen's huts
- education for young fishermen in the region

Local projects for improvement of infrastructure (fishermen's huts, equipment rental, bridges, etc.) are taking place and will be enforced.

Project proposal:

It is proposed to develop a **regional fly fishing association** with the 5 municipalities of B&K as well as Plav.

Objectives of this association:

- define river stretches for fly fishing and produce map of waters (fly fishing, fishing, etc. marked)
- education of young fishermen and – women
- information
- develop fly fishing offer for tourism (e.g. package 10 days fishing in 5 municipalities)
- marketing on international level (e.g. fairs, exhibitions)
- protect and develop young fish in hatcheries
- co-operation with fishermen and kayakers

Speaker of this preparatory group: Shelko

Next step: Organize round table with all stakeholders of this new association.



Important meeting needed:

As the fish hatchery is planned to be renovated in the National Park we strongly suggest to bring together the stakeholders of the National Park and of the fishing associations!

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