

Title: **Creation of Guidelines for Assessing Social and Economic Benefits of European inland Recreational Fisheries - European inland Fisheries Advisory Commission (Eifac) Occasional Paper No. 45**

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Abstract: Upon request by the European Inland Fisheries Advisory Commission (EIFAC), group of prominent economists and other social scientist were assembled to create a set of guidelines for assessing socio-economic benefits of the European inland recreational fisheries. A wide range of international interest groups and academics were included in this process that has resulted in a document aimed at politicians and other non-economist, non-social scientists. It is hoped that this document will be used with the European community to better utilize the social sciences in the creation of inland fisheries policy. The guidelines help users select the proper methodologies using secondary data, and, if secondary data does not exist, helps users to decide what primary data needs to be collected and how to collect that data. This presentation will chronicle the development and content of the guidelines with particular attention to difference in European and North American fisheries management.