

Seabed studies and the promotion of fisheries in discussions at October Vind Cafe in Korsnäs

Special planner Mikko Malin presented the tasks of Metsähallitus Parks & Wildlife services as a promoter of the fishing industry. The services unit issues permits for commercial fishing in state-owned waters. During the current permit season, 134 professional fishermen operate in Finnish sea areas.

Anette Bäck presented the surveys of seabed made by Metsähallitus in sea areas in general and off Korsnäs. The seabed in front of Korsnäs is rocky, but deeper there is also more clay and silt. In deeper areas, the waves do not carry lighter materials away, as in the shallows. Tube plants and algae grow in coastal waters. Mussels are also commonly found in the area.

Timo Laakso, who heads the Korsnäs offshore wind power project, reviewed the current electricity market situation. The offshore wind farm planned in front of Korsnäs would significantly improve Finland's energy self-sufficiency, as the electricity market situation continues to be challenging for the next few years.

Fortunately, Finland has offshore wind power potential, which is needed as the demand for emission-free electricity grows. Wind power is already the cheapest form of electricity production from the point of view of new investments, and the relative competitiveness of offshore wind power is expected to continue to strengthen in the coming years

The estimated production of the Korsnäs project would correspond to about six percent of Finland's electricity procurement in 2021. The Korsnäs project is therefore of great importance to Finland.

A small number of active members of the public and representatives of the municipality specifically were interested in the visual effects of offshore wind farm in the landscape, the ongoing selection of a wind farm construction and operating partner, long-term electricity sales agreements (PPA agreements) and how the electricity system works as a whole.