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FLAGS and local resource management

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CONTEXT

- There are hundreds of Finnish lakes needing nutrient removal
- Nutrient removal can be done by fishing
- The catch of removal fishing has been mainly composted
- Unutilized fishes, mainly cyprinids, are as good as any fish for human consumption
- There are several projects and institutions working with this problem, but no one has combined them and their knowledge
→ **Networking**

OBJECTIVES

- Build a local and national network to combine the projects, institutions and knowledge
 - Gather the experiences, knowledge and results of previous projects and research
 - Create a solution for managing raw material streams
 - Create economically profitable ways to utilize the cyprinids for human consumption
 - Remove the nutrients through profitable fisheries
- Better state of the lakes and Baltic Sea

PARTNERS

- A local association for fisheries management in Southern Päijänne region (*Etelä- ja Keski-Päijänteiden kalastusalue*)
- A local association for fisheries management in Northern Päijänne region (*Pohjois-Päijänteiden kalastusalue*)
- LUKE (National Resources Institute Finland)
- FLAG Central Finland
- JAMK (University of Applied Sciences of Jyväskylä)
- Education Centre Salpaus
- Municipalities
- The Lake Vesijärvi Foundation

METHODOLOGY

Main activities:

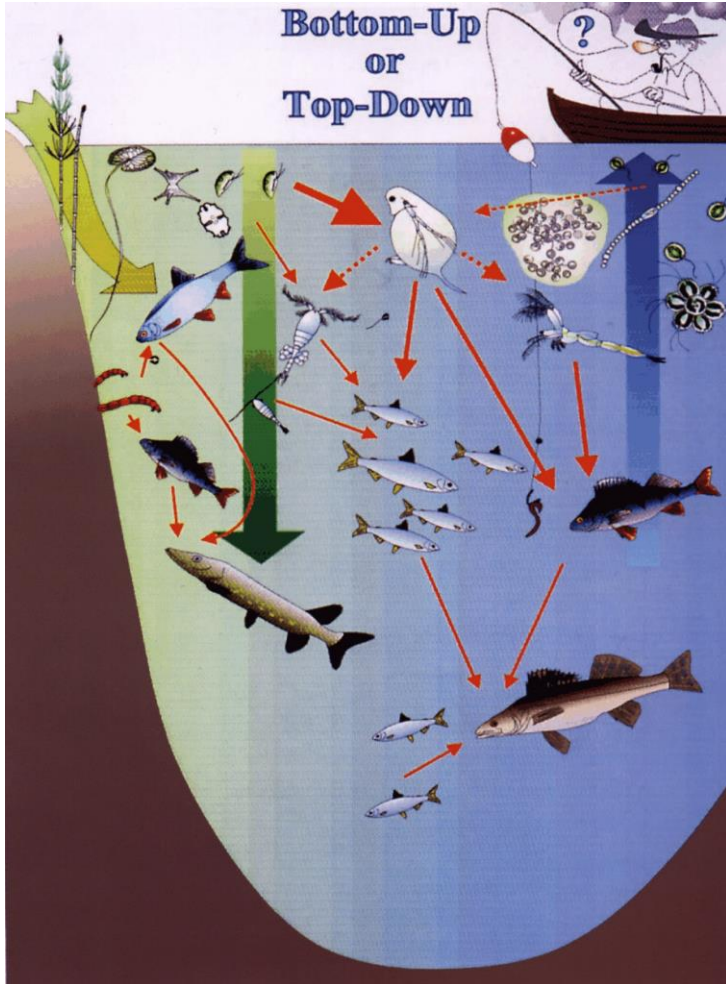
- Employing the project manager
- Communication and gathering the knowledge
- Building up the network, through for example seminars
- Activating the fishers and other entrepreneurs
- Investigations to survey the raw material streams
- Linking the project with LUKE's Uusivu-project and other projects

RESULTS

- Network is building up (the project is still running)
- The entrepreneurs have started cooperation
- The knowledge is spreading
- The project has it's web site running and it is developing
- Other projects have been linked to the network
- The fishermen can now sell all the fish they can process (this is also due the common trend of better demand of lake fish)
- Processing and logistical chains are building up



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