

Sami Council

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Sami College was asked by the Sami Council Arctic coordinator to plan these two projects. Sami College arranged a workshop last summer in Alta, Norway.

The Status of the projects now.

Project 1: Comparative analysis of coastal fishery Management systems in Norway, Greenland and Canada with reference to Sea Sami, co-management and traditional Ecological Knowledge.

Sami College is now translating it to English and trying to fund it. The English version will be available in two weeks. We will try to get funding from the Sami Parliament in Norway and "Landsdelsutvalget for Nord-Norge." The budgetary requirements for this two-year project are about US\$80,000.

The reason for the delay is that people who can work with this project both at Sami College and the cooperating institutions have been very busy. We have wanted to use scientists who know the Sami society and if possible who also speak the language. This will make it easier to communicate with the fishermen.

Project 2. Freshwater Fishery Management in the Barents Region.

At the workshop last summer we discovered that freshwater fishery management, as described in the project proposal, was nearly a white spot in Scandinavia. Freshwater fishery management has not been a big issue for research. Those who have been involved in freshwater management are mainly fishery biologists and not social scientist or anthropologists. We have been in touch with one historian scientist who has worked with indigenous rights to salmon (*Salmo salar*) fisheries in Tana River, but also he has been busy the last year. He will finish the project he has been working with during this summer. We will have a meeting with him during the next weeks and ask him to take the responsibility for the freshwater project. If he say yes to do so, we can hopefully start the project this fall.

In this project it is crucial that at least some of the scientists know the Sami society and speak the language.