

Dear timber rafters and floaters,

I have the great pleasure to invite timber rafters and floaters from lakes and rivers around Europe to participate Lieksa 2020 International Raftsmen Meeting in Pielinen Karelia, Eastern Finland. You are welcome to meet old and new friends and to explore the culture of timber rafters and floaters in Finland.

Timber rafting and floating have had a remarkable impact to the economy, livelihoods and culture of Pielinen Karelia. The history and culture are still today visible and carefully preserved.

Spring bring floods to rivers and lakes, and timber floaters beside the rivers. Summer is the time to enjoy the fruits of the hard work, celebrate together with friends, remember history, plan future and simply experience and enjoy the time together.

Timber floaters of Pielinen Karelia welcome timber rafters and floaters

Let the timber run!

Yours sincerely,



Mikko Saarimaa

Chairman of Pielisen Karjalan tukkilaisperinne ry.