

Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council
Executive Committee Meeting
Hotel Radisson BLU Royal Hotel Vaasa, 23rd June 2009
Draft annotated agenda

1. Welcome

- a. Apologies and adoption of the agenda (F)
- b. Adoption of the minutes from the last meeting (F) **Annex 1**
- c. Volunteers to check the minutes (F)

2. Update by the Secretariat

Budget status (2008-2009 and 2009-2010) (I/D)

Secretariat will inform on closure of last years' accounts, and update on this year, including membership and member state payments.

Chalmers University contribution to Science Workshop of 6th May 2009 (I)

Secretariat will inform on this and seek ExCom approval

Communicating with members (I)

Secretariat will invite input on how to improve communication within and outside the RAC

The creation of a formal Inter-RAC (I/D)

Secretariat will invite comments and discussion on whether there should be a formalised Inter-RAC after the reform of the CFP. This has been raised by some RAC secretariats.

3. Outcome from Demersal WG. (I/D) Annex 2 awaited

Michael Andersen, chair of the WG, will inform on the latest WG meeting and present a draft recommendation from the BS RAC on demersal stocks.

4. Outcome from Pelagic WG (I/D) Annex 3 awaited

Ryszard Malik, chair of the WG, will inform on the latest WG meeting and present a draft recommendation from the BS RAC on pelagic stocks.

5. ICES advice for salmon (I/D)

Links to the advice:

<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/2009/2009/sal-2231.pdf>

<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/2009/2009/sal-32.pdf>

<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/2009/2009/trt-bal.pdf>

Gunnar Asplund, chair of the WG, will present the advice. A draft recommendation from the BS RAC on salmon will be discussed.

6. Cormorants (from ExCom 080509) (I/D) Annex 4

Vesa Karttunen, Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations, will explain progress made on this issue and present a modified resolution on cormorants.

7. Update on Maritime Spatial Planning (I) Annex 5

Ottilia Thoreson (WWF) will raise a project proposal that WWF will carry out and which could be of interest for BSRAC future work on MSP.

8. BS RAC Conference 1st -2nd October 2009 (I/D) Annex 6

The chair Reine Johansson will give the background to planning the conference and present the draft programme for approval.

9. CFP Reform – creation of Working Group (D)

The chair will invite members to participate in this WG and propose a chair for it.

10. IUU fishing and trade statistics (I)

Alex Olsen (AIPCE-CEP) will give a short presentation of a trade statistics study to explain developments with respect to IUU in the cod fishery in the Baltic.

11. Date and venue for next ExCom (D)

12. AOB

F= Formalities

I=Information/discussion items

D=Decision items