

The BSRAC work programme for 2009 – 2010

For the year 2009-2010 the BSRAC will continue to focus on the long-term management of stocks, in particular pelagic species and salmon. Following on from its workshop in February 2009, the BSRAC will also seek to cooperate with other organisations and bodies around the Baltic around the Baltic to look more closely at principles for maritime spatial planning.

Short-term fisheries management will also be given priority in connection with the TACs and quota proposal for 2010.

The Baltic Sea RAC will continue to work to improve communication between stakeholders and with other interest groups. This will be set in focus with a workshop in May 2009 on how to improve dialogue between stakeholders and the science community.

The RAC will also initiate new work which can contribute to a successful Common Fisheries Policy. It will aim to come with an opinion on the review of the CFP and on the EU's control proposal. It will also aim to incorporate traceability within fisheries management.

A conference later in 2009 will put the Baltic Sea fishery in focus with respect to the past and come up with perspectives for the future in connection with the review of the CFP.

Particular attention will be paid to:

- **Recommendation on the long-term management of pelagic species.**

The Commission has announced that in 2009 it will present a proposal for a long-term management plan for the pelagic species in the Baltic Sea. The BS RAC will contribute towards this process and work to produce a recommendation on a long-term management plan which it hopes the Commission will take into account. It will also investigate cooperation with the Pelagic RAC on the western Baltic stock.

- **Follow up on the BS RAC recommendation on a salmon management plan for the Baltic**

In February 2009, the Commission will initiate a consultation process on a management plan for Baltic salmon and organise a stakeholder conference beginning 2009. The RAC will contribute to this process.

- **In cooperation with ICES and national institutes find ways on how the BS RAC can contribute to improved selectivity in the cod fishery.**

On the basis of the Commission's report on selectivity of trawls, the BS RAC will work to establish a comprehensive cooperation between stakeholders and the relevant scientific institutions in order to improve selectivity.

- **A science workshop**

The aim is to start a process which leads to improved dialogue between stakeholders and scientists

- **A BS RAC conference**

This will put the review of the CFP in the context of the Baltic Sea Fishery: lessons learned and future perspectives

- **Short-term fisheries management (TACs and quotas for Baltic Sea fish stocks for 2010)**

Meetings planned:

- 1 General Assembly
- 4 Executive Committee meetings (one a possible)
- 6 Working Group meetings (including possibly a joint pelagic WG with the Pelagic RAC)
- 1 BSRAC Science Workshop
- 1 Conference in cooperation with the Swedish government (tbc)

Pelagic WG (long-term management of pelagic species)	17 th March 2009	Gdynia
Demersal WG	18 th March 2009	Gdynia
Science Workshop	7 th May 2009	Gdynia
General Assembly	Morning 8 th May 2009	Gdynia
Executive Committee (day after General Assembly)	Afternoon 8 th May 2009	Gdynia
Demersal WG	May 2009	
Salmon WG	June 2009	
Executive Committee (possible)	June 2009	Finland
Pelagic WG	Sept/Oct 2009	

BSRAC Conference in Sweden (tbc)	1 st -2 nd October 2009	Stockholm
ExCom	October 2009	Copenhagen (?)
(POSSIBLY) Joint pelagic WG (BSRAC and Pelagic RAC) areas III A, 22 and 24	October 2009	Lithuania (?)
ExCom	February 2010	Lithuania (?)