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Fourth Annual (draft) Report of the Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council April 2010

Introduction

The Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (BS RAC) began its work on 16th March 2006, after a decision by the EU to create the Regional Advisory Councils in the fisheries sector (Council Decision 2004/585/EC). The main aim of the BS RAC is to prepare and provide advice on the management of Baltic Sea fisheries, so as to contribute to the successful running of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy. The members of the BS RAC comprise representatives from the fishing sector and other interest groups affected by the Common Fisheries Policy. These include fisheries associations, producer organisations, processors, market organisations, environmental NGOs, aquaculture producers, consumers, women's networks and recreational and sports fishermen.

The structure of the BS RAC remains unchanged, with a General Assembly, an Executive Committee and 3 Working Groups (for demersal fisheries, pelagic fisheries, and salmon and sea trout).

This annual report recounts the activities of the BS RAC's fourth year from 16th March 2009-15th March 2010.

Full reports and minutes from all the BS RAC meetings, as well as the recommendations and other correspondence, are on the BS RAC website: www.bsrac.org.

Main results achieved by the BS RAC during the year 2009 – 2010

The BS RAC work programme for 2009-2010 stated a number of priorities. Particular attention was paid to:

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

The BS RAC began to work on a recommendation, but could not complete its work because a consultation paper (non-paper) from DG Mare did not emerge during the year. Contact was established with the Pelagic RAC to discuss areas of cooperation on western Baltic herring.

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

The BS RAC produced a recommendation, which was sent to the Commission and member states, and a reply was received from DG Mare.

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

The BS RAC dealt with this issue at Demersal WG meetings and its ExCom meetings in June and December. A project description for a trial in selectivity was prepared and sent to the Commission and member states for consideration. The Commission replied positively.

- **A Science Workshop**

The BS RAC held a 1½ day Science Workshop in May 2010. A report from the workshop was produced.

- **A BSRAC Conference**

This was held on 1st-2nd October 2009 and the aim was to discuss the fisheries situation in the Baltic Sea. A ministerial declaration was produced, as well as a full report and conclusions from the meeting.

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

The BS RAC held relevant working groups and produced recommendations for the Baltic species. These were sent to the Commission and member states. The Commission also sent a reply.

- **Contribution to the review of the CFP**

The BS RAC held a 2-day Focus Group and produced recommendations. These were sent to the Commission and member states.

The BS RAC meetings are described in more detail here:

The Pelagic WG 17th March 2009, Gdynia

This meeting brought together 32 participants from 4 BS RAC Member States, as well as representatives from DG Mare, the Pelagic RAC and scientific institutions. The WG began discussions on management plans and in particular, a long-term management plan for pelagic species in the Baltic. In this connection, areas of cooperation with the Pelagic RAC were also discussed with respect to Area IIIa, and it was agreed to set up a Focus Group between the two RACs to work on this. There was a presentation of the JAKFISH project, which deals with: Judgement and knowledge of in fisheries involving stakeholders.

The Demersal WG 18th March 2009, Gdynia

At this meeting there were 38 participants from 4 BS RAC Member States. Representatives from DG Mare also took part, as well as scientists and researchers from scientific establishments around the Baltic Sea. Most of the meeting was dedicated to the discussion of selectivity in the cod fishery. There were presentations from gear experts and from scientific institutes on the selectivity of the gears currently used. There was a long and extensive discussion of the different gears available to fish cod and the possible ways forward to ensure an improvement of selectivity. No decisions were taken at this meeting, but it was agreed to reflect further on selectivity and to refer the discussions from the WG to the forthcoming ExCom in May 2009. There were also presentations two scientific projects: UNCOVER (which looks into how decisions on recovery plans are made) and RESTOCK (which looks into the potential for re-stocking the eastern Baltic cod). There was general support from the WG for the RESTOCK project, and it was agreed to write a letter of support to the project, and put this to the approval of the coming ExCom in May.

Salmon WG 2nd and 3rd April 2009, Copenhagen

Eleven BS RAC members participated, as well as former IBSFC secretary Walter Ranke, in his capacity as expert. The aim of the meeting was to collect and discuss the contributions and reactions received from BS RAC members to the Commission's Consultation paper (of 13.2 2009) on a new salmon management plan. This two-day WG then agreed on and produced a draft position paper with recommendations for a salmon management plan, to be put to the ExCom in May 2009. Thanks are expressed to Birger Rasmussen, former chairman of the Fishermen's Association of Bornholm and Christiansø, for covering the costs of this meeting from the so-called "Laksefonden" which is a special fund for specific activities to promote the well-being of salmon stocks in the Baltic.

Science Workshop 6th and 7th May 2009, Gdynia

This 1½ day Science Workshop was attended by well over 50 participants from the BS RAC, from administration, DG Mare, and scientific institutes around the Baltic. It was organized by Gothenburg Center for Public Learning and Understanding of Science (gcPLUS) at Chalmers University of Technology, Sweden. Its aim was to address communication issues between scientists and other interested parties. The focus was on combining science advisory and stakeholder participation. The evening session was devoted to a presentation of the notion of facilitating governance, and an introduction of the process of consensus building and conflict resolution. The participants discussed the notion of consensus, and whether reaching consensus on values presupposes agreement on the technical issues. The role of science in this process was discussed, and it was agreed that it was crucial that value decisions are made on an informed basis. There was also a short discussion of the role and structure of the RACs and whether in a dialogue with scientists, it was possible to negotiate with them and frame questions. The following day consisted of a series of panel discussions around the following questions:

- How do we use science and put it into policy in fisheries governance?
- How should one close the gap between what the science tells us and the consensus that we search for?
- What is the additional systematic information that would help everyone to think more effectively about these important issues?

Responses from the panel members gave rise to wide-ranging discussions among the participants.

The moderator of the meeting wound up the discussions by saying that if the RAC is to be effective in representing ideas, then the distinctions between roles and functions have to be made to work. While some members would like to see more work on technical questions (to improve the scientific assessments, for example), others see the technical information as sufficient and want to discuss more value-related questions. There is a need to improve further communication between the stakeholders.

At the workshop there was also a presentation of Indicator-based assessment of the status of Baltic fish stocks, with a contribution from the EU FP6 project IMAGE by scientists from DTU Aqua and the Estonian Marine Institute, University Tartu.

A report from the Science Workshop meeting was produced.

Thanks go to Chalmers University for contributing towards the costs of this event. Their contribution enabled the BS RAC to invite participants already the evening before, so as to give a good start to the Workshop.

General Assembly 8th May 2009, Gdynia

31 BS RAC members and 22 observers attended this General Assembly, which marked the start of a new three-year period for the BS RAC. It approved the nomination of Steve Karnicki (title) as honorary chair of the BS RAC for the three years 2009 –2012, as well as the nomination of Reine Johansson as chair of the ExCom, and the nominations of the members of the ExCom. The new work programme and draft budget for 2010 – 2011 were approved. With respect to membership of the BS RAC, the request for membership by the Fishermen's Federation for Small-Scale Fishery in Sweden was approved, as well as the proposed increase in membership fee to € 250 per member. At the same time an amended wording in the statutes about non-payment of membership fee. It was agreed to approve the annual report and annual accounts for the year 2008 -2009 by email correspondence. A certified auditor for the 2009-2010 accounts was approved. In addition to the business of the General Assembly, there were three speakers:

Kazimierz Plocke, Secretary of State, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, congratulated the BSRAC on its three years. He was happy with the cooperation with the BSRAC and with the activities which the BS RAC had been working with.

Ilan Chabay of Chalmers University gave a presentation of the project: "Understanding, dialogue, and consensus" which had focused on understanding the process and dynamics of dialogue and consensus formation in the BS RAC and the role of science in that. The team had looked at the views by BS RAC members of fisheries and fish stocks and carried out interviews with BS RAC members, scientists and the Commission. Since 2006 they had found a noticeable improvement in the organisation and in trust within the BS RAC.

Ernesto Penas Lado, Director of Directorate E, DG Mare, spoke about the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy and presented the overall aims of the Green Paper which was to put forward a vision of what the reform should deliver and asked what could be done to reach the goal. He gave an account of the existing problems in the sector, and of the challenges which should be confronted. He encouraged the BS RAC to be creative and to come forward with suggestions and ideas which can be tried out before 2013. There were wide ranging comments from BS RAC members to his presentation, but there was support for the reform process and it was a good thing to include increased responsibility for the industry, as well as taking into account the regional aspect. There

was interest in the possibility of more regional management, whilst at the same time it was important that coastal and small-scale fisheries were dealt with.

Executive Committee 8th May 2009, Gdynia

There were 18 ExCom members or nominated representatives present at this ExCom. The ExCom confirmed the new members of the ExCom for 2009-2012 and the nomination of Ewa Milewska as vice-chair of the ExCom for 2009-2010. The draft annual report and final budget for 2008-2009 were also approved.

At this meeting an invited representative from Nord Stream gave a presentation of the actions that had recently been carried out related to the fishery, in particular with relation to overtrawlability. He gave an account of an action plan that Nord Stream had produced to deal with fishery issues. He gave an explanation of the mitigating measures that Nord Stream was proposing and the process of negotiation of compensation agreements with the fishermen. Finally, he explained the installation schedule and the timescale for the work. There was no discussion on a follow-up to this meeting with Nord Stream.

An invitation to the ExCom to approve a letter from the BSRAC to Baltic 2020 recommending the RESTOCK project gave rise to much discussion and differing opinion. Consensus could not be reached on sending the letter, and the proposal was withdrawn.

On the reform of the CFP and the Commission's Green Paper it was agreed to set up a Working Group. No specific terms of reference were draft up.

The ExCom was also informed of the preparations underway and the draft programme for the BS RAC conference planned to take place on 1st -2nd October 2009.

The draft recommendation on a management plan for salmon was approved by ExCom, with the abstention of the Fisheries Secretariat.

Focus Group on western Baltic herring in Area IIIa 18th May 2009, Copenhagen

The Focus Group was a first meeting between the Pelagic RAC and BS RAC, held at the BS RAC offices. There were representatives from both RACs, as well as from DTU Aqua and from the Institute Innovative Fisheries Management. There was an initial discussion about the areas of cooperation between the two RACs on the management of herring in area IIIa and the allocation of resources. The meeting did not aim to come forward with actual proposals for alternative allocations. A representative from DTU Aqua gave a presentation of management plans and the background to the request from the Commission to ICES on a management plan for herring in Division IIIa and the western Baltic. She also gave a presentation of the proposed collaboration with the RACs through the JAKFISH/GAP project. Participants agreed to meet again when necessary.

Demersal WG 9th June 2009, Copenhagen

There were participants from 5 BS RAC Member States. DG Mare and ICES were also represented, as well as administrations from Denmark and Sweden. A representative from ICES gave a presentation of the advice for 2010, and a Commission representative presented the Commission's Communication on the Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2010. The demersal working group discussed both these presentations. There was then a further discussion on selectivity and a proposal to create a trial project into selectivity in the cod fishery. It was also agreed to prepare an application for a selectivity project to be discussed and agreed on at the forthcoming ExCom. The working group agreed to prepare a text on BS RAC recommendations on fishing opportunities for

2010 and to draft a text on the Commissions' Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2010. With respect to turbot and flounder it was agreed to gather in information and offer this to ICES.

Pelagic WG 15th June 2009, Copenhagen

At this meeting there were WG members from 5 BS RAC Member States. Representatives from the European Commission, ICES, MRAG and IFM also participated. An ICES representative gave a presentation of the scientific advice for the pelagic stocks for 2010. A Commissions representative presented the Commission's Communication on the Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2010. A representative from the marine resources and fisheries consultancy MRAG gave a presentation of the socio-economic impact study in connection with a long-term management plan for pelagic stocks in the Baltic. The pelagic working group discussed the advice from ICES on pelagic stocks for 2010 and the Commission's communication on fishing opportunities for 2010. It was agreed to draft a text with recommendations which would be put to the ExCom meeting on 23rd June. The WG also took note of the work done so far on a socio-economic impact long-term management plan for pelagic species in the Baltic

Executive Committee 23rd June 2009, Vaasa

The ExCom worked through the draft BS RAC recommendations for the demersal, pelagic and salmon stocks for 2010. For the demersal stocks, the ExCom adopted the recommendation, with the amendments made, and with the abstention by WWF and the Fisheries Secretariat. The draft recommendations for the pelagic stocks, with the amendments made, was approved by the ExCom, and the minority positions by WWF and Fisheries Secretariat were included. A recommendation for herring in area 22-24 was subsequently produced and approved in a written procedure, including a minority position from WWF, Fisheries Secretariat and Coalition Clean Baltic. With respect to salmon, the ExCom approved unanimously a draft text with recommendations, excluding any recommendation on the TAC. The ExCom also discussed the proposal from the Working Group of a BS RAC selectivity project. The ExCom gave its mandate to go further on this project, and endorsed that the chair of the Demersal Working Group would finalise a text containing a project description.

Consensus was reached on sending to DG Environment a recommendation on cormorants in connection with the wild birds directive. The recommendation included both short-term and long-term considerations, and it was modified to encourage the drawing up of a long-term management plan for cormorants.

The ExCom approved the programme for the BS RAC conference in October, the aim of which was to highlight the Baltic and the BS RAC. Otilia Thoreson (WWF) informed the ExCom of a desk study which WWF would carry out to collect data on the different legal jurisdictions relating to MSP in the different countries, and thereby improve gaps in the knowledge and reach a level playing field. The BS RAC supported this activity and signalled its interest in taking part. Finally, Alex Olsen (Federation of National Organisations of Importers and Exporters of Fish) gave a brief presentation on the subject of IUU fishing and unreported landings based on import-export statistics from Eurostat.

The BS RAC Conference 1st – 2nd October 2009, Saltsjöbaden: “Lessons learned and future prospectives”

Fisheries ministers and directors from the EU countries around the Baltic Sea, the Commissioner for DG Mare and other delegates - including 25 members of the BS RAC - discussed the fisheries

situation in the Baltic Sea during this two-day conference. There were 142 participants. At the start of the conference, the ministers signed a declaration on how the countries together can solve the problems of fish stocks in the Baltic Sea. Eskil Erlandsson, Minister for Agriculture Sweden gave the opening address to the conference. Steve Karnicki, of the Sea Fisheries Institute (MIR), was moderator. The Conference concluded that the most important issues to be addressed in the Baltic Sea fisheries are:

- Discards
- Regionalisation and decision-making process
- Relative stability
- Rights – based management systems
- Overcapacity
- Control and enforcement
- Social aspects in small-scale fisheries/coastal areas
- External threats: eutrophication, regime shifts and climate change

A report and a set of conclusions from the Conference were produced. Grateful thanks are expressed to the Swedish Ministry for Agriculture, and the Economic and Social Affairs Committee for providing financial support towards the costs of this conference.

Focus Group on CFP Reform, 26th -27th October 2009, Copenhagen

23 BS RAC members attended the Focus Group, which was chaired by Niels Wichmann, Managing Director of the Danish Fishermen's Association. A representative from the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, also took part. Discussions in the Focus Group were based on a discussion paper prepared in advance, and which highlighted four overall focus areas: Regionalisation/simplification, the role of the RACs, Fisheries Management (relative stability, management, small-scale fishery) and Markets. The Focus Group produced a draft set of recommendations, which was discussed, but not adopted by the BS RAC ExCom on 9th December 2009. Certain modifications were made after the ExCom, and the text was approved by written procedure. Coalition Clean Baltic, the Fisheries Secretariat and WWF did not support the recommendations of the BS RAC, and they conveyed this in a letter to the BS RAC, containing a minority statement.

Executive Committee 9th December 2009, Gdynia

There were 14 ExCom members present. At this ExCom the draft budget and work programme for the year 2010 –2011 were discussed and approved. A representative from DG Mare was present to explain the work schedule for the Commission for 2010. The ExCom discussed at length a draft text with recommendations on CFP reform and agreed to adopt a final text by written procedure. There were presentations by the three working group chairs of the activities by the respective working groups during the year. With respect to the Demersal Working Group the ExCom agreed to send a letter to the Commission to express the concerns of the BS RAC about the technical difficulties caused by the decision at the October Fisheries Council to increase mesh size in the cod fishery to 120mm. The Pelagic Working Group was anticipating the Commission non-paper on long-term management plan for pelagic species. A draft letter from the BS RAC and Pelagic RAC requesting the Commission to postpone its proposal on a long-term management plan for pelagic species was approved by the ExCom. The Salmon Working Group chair expressed regret that there had been a lack of communication and cooperation with the Commission in the elaboration of a salmon

management plan for the Baltic Sea, and there was a discussion on this with the representative from the Commission. In addition, there were reports from the GAP2 project and RECLAIM, as well as information on coming meetings with ICES and the Community Fisheries Control Agency.

Pelagic WG 19th January 2010, Copenhagen

At this meeting there were WG members from 5 BS RAC Member States. Representatives from the European Commission, Danish and Swedish governments, ICES and MRAG also took part. A representative from ICES gave a presentation of the scientific advice for a long-term management plan for pelagic stocks in the Baltic, including consideration of a multi-species component with respect to the effect of an increased cod stock in the Baltic. A representative from the consultancy company MRAG gave a presentation of the socio-economic assessment of the ICES proposals. A Commission representative explained the background to the concept of a management plan with a view to involving the stakeholders in its preparation. The non-paper was not available at the meeting, and it was agreed to await the non-paper before fixing a date for a new working group within the BS RAC. A representative from the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries gave the working group a brief status of the camera trials on board vessels, of which 12/15 vessels would be in the Baltic.

Focus Group on western Baltic herring in Area IIIa 9th March 2010, Copenhagen

The BS RAC hosted a second meeting between the two RACs: the Pelagic RAC and the BS RAC. There were 7 representatives from the BS RAC, as well as a representative from the Polish administration. At this meeting there was a discussion with scientists of different harvest control rules and scenarios for western Baltic herring. The participants produced a set of draft recommendations for management of this stock, and these draft recommendations would be put to the next BS RAC Pelagic Working Group, planned to take place in the new BS RAC year, which started on 16th March 2010.

Outputs (opinions adopted by the BS RAC)¹		
N°	Full title	Types of support (website, printed, other)
1	BS RAC Recommendation on a salmon management plan for the Baltic Sea.	Printed and on BS RAC website
2	Report from the BS RAC Science Workshop 6th –7th May Gdynia	Printed and on BS RAC website
3	BS RAC recommendation on the Baltic Sea fisheries 2010	Printed and on BS RAC website
4	The Baltic Sea RAC resolution of 23.6.2009 on measures to solve the conflict between cormorants and fisheries	Printed and on BS RAC website

5	Project proposal on selectivity in the cod fisheries	Printed and on BS RAC website
6	Report and conclusions from the Conference, and ministerial declaration	Printed and on BS RAC website
7	Comments from the BS RAC to the Communication from the Commission: Consultation on fishing Opportunities for 2010 COM (2009) 224	Printed and on BS RAC website
8	Joint RACs recommendation on technical measures proposal	Printed and on BS RAC website
9	BS RAC letter on technical specifications of fishing gear BACOMA and T90	Printed and on BS RAC website
10	Joint RAC recommendation on Western Baltic herring	Printed and on BS RAC website
11	BS RAC Recommendations on CFP reform	Printed and on BS RAC website

External meetings

In addition to the BS RAC meetings, the BS RAC has been represented at an increasing number of other fisheries related meetings, conferences, workshops etc.

Commission Consultation 24th-25th March 2009 on Cetaceans and the functioning of the regulation 812/2004 laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries

Krzysztof Stanuch (Fishing Shipowners' Association, Poland) and Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association).

Commission's Salmon Consultation 28th April 2008, Brussels

Reine J. Johansson (BS RAC chair) as moderator, Kjell Nybacka (Rapporteur, BS RAC Salmon and sea trout WG), Malin Lönroth (Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations), Ewa Milewska (BS RAC Vice-chair) and Gunnar Norén (CCB).

ICES seminar for a Turkish delegation from the Turkish administration and research institutes Tuesday 12th May, Copenhagen.

Presentation of the RAC system

Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Fisheries Conference 19th May 2009, Poland

Ryszard Malik (Association of Fishermen's of Sea- PO)

Workshop on Discard, hosted by the Danish Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries 26th June 2009, Copenhagen

Reine J. Johansson (BS RAC Chair), Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Commission Seminar on status of stocks 23rd July 2009, Brussels

Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), Peter Breckling (Union of German Cutter Fishery) and Henrik Kyhle (Fisheries Secretariat).

Seminar: Linking Science and Management in the Baltic Sea Ecoregion, 9th –10th September 2009, Copenhagen

Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

CFCA Advisory Board meeting, 14th September 2009, Vigo

Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Meeting with the Commission to discuss BS RAC selectivity project proposal 25th September 2009, Brussels

Reine J. Johansson (BS RAC Chair), Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association).
and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

ACFA/RACS meeting on TACs/Quotas 2010 29th September, Brussels

Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association) and Jesper Kobberø (Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations)

RACs' Coordination meeting with the Commission 5th October, Brussels

Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Conference: A New Fisheries Policy for fishers to take over stewardship of the fishery (in conjunction with the Fisheries Fair Danfish International, 8th October 2009), Aalborg

Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Nordic Council of Ministers Conference on Regionalisation 13th October 2009, Copenhagen

Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

JAKFISH meeting 21st October 2009, London

Lothar Fischer (German Cutter-and Coastal-Fishermen's Association) and Reine J. Johansson (BS RAC Chair)

Inter-RAC conference on Decicoin-making 3rd-4th November, Edinburgh

Reine J. Johansson (BS RAC Chair), Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Biogeographic seminar on Natura 2000 23rd and 24th November 2009, Sopot

Peter Breckling (Union of German Cutter Fishery)

European Parliament Hearing on CFP Reform 1st December 2009, Brussels

Reine J. Johansson (BS RAC Chair), and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Workshop on selectivity held by Baltic 2020 25th -26th Nov

Thomas Thomsen (The Fishermen's Association of Bornholm and Christiansø).

Meeting with Commission 3rd December 2009, Brussels

Reine Johansson (BS RAC Chair), Michael Andersen ((Danish Fishermen's Association) and Kjell Nybacka ((Rapporteur, BS RAC Salmon and sea trout WG)

Polish Round Table 10th December, Gdynia,
Sally Clink, (BS RAC Secretariat)

JAKFISH meeting, 18th January 2010, Copenhagen

Reine Johansson (BS RAC Chair), Ewa Milewska (BS RAC Vice-chair), Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), Ryszard Malik (Association of Fishermen's of Sea- PO), Krsyzstof Stanuch (Fishing Shipowners' Association, Poland), Pehr E. Eriksson (Swedish Fishermen's Federation), Lothar Fischer (German Cutter-and Coastal-Fishermen's Association) Jens Henrik Jeppesen (Sweden Pelagic PO) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Commission Seminar on Rights-based management 25th January 2010, Brussels

Jenny Fors (WWF) and Mart Undrest (Estonian Fishermen's Association)

ICES-RAC's annual meeting 26th -27th January 2010, Gdynia

Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), Ryszard Malik (Association of Fishermen's of Sea- PO), Krsyzstof Stanuch (Fishing Shipowners' Association, Poland) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Commission meeting on small-scale fisheries 25th February 2010, Brussels:

Kim Kær Hansen (Danish Fishermen's Association) and Jesper Kobberø (Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations)

Visit by Food Certification International to the BS RAC offices, 26th February 2010, Copenhagen

Magnus Eckeskog, (Fisheries Secretariat), Jesper Kobberø, (Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations), Karsten Kristensen (European Transport Workers' Federation) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

CFCA Advisory Board meeting 2nd March, Madrid:

Reine Johansson (BS RAC Chair)

Study trip to the Danish Fisheries Inspectorate 2nd-3rd March, 2010, Bornholm

Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Meetings in Poland with BS RAC Vice-chair and Polish fisheries authorities, 10th -11th March 2010, Warsaw

Reine Johansson (BS RAC Chair) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

Membership of the BS RAC

During 2009 –2010, two new member organisations joined the BS RAC:

The Fishermen's Federation for Small-Scale Fishery in Sweden (represented by May-Britt Landin)
The Association of Fishmeal and Fish oil Manufactures in Denmark (represented by Morten Broberg)

The Mörrum Fishing Association applied for membership and the ExCom and MS and Cion were informed, and no objections were made. However, we have not yet heard from this organisation, since sending them an invoice for payment.

Members of the BS RAC 2009 - 2010

European Transport Workers' Federation	Karsten Kristensen	Union of German Cutter Fishery	Peter Breckling
The Fishermen's Association of Bornholm and Christiansø	Thomas Thomsen	Latvian Fisheries Association	Inarijs Voits
Danish Fishermen's Association	Kim Kær Hansen	Lithuanian Fisheries Producers' Association	Alfonsas Bargaila
Danish Fishermen's Producers' Organisation	Kurt Madsen	The confederation of Fishermen and Fish Processors of West Lithuania	Algirdas Ausra
Association of Fishmeal and Fishoil Manufactures in Denmark	Morten Broberg	Association of Fishermen's of Sea- PO	Ryszard Malik
Estonian Fishermen's Association	Mart Undrest	Fish Producers' Organisation Władysławowo	Romualda Białkowska
Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations	Vesa Karttunen	Fishing Shipowners' Association	Marek Gzel
Finnish Fishermen's Association	Kim Jordas	National Chamber of Fish Producers	Adam Jakubiak
Bundesverband der Deutschen Fishindustrie und des Fischgrosshandels E.V.	Matthias Keller	Kołobrzeg Group of Producers Fish	Marcin Radkowski
German Cutter- and Coastal-Fishermen's Association	Lothar Fischer	Sweden Pelagic PO	Björn Lindblad

Swedish Fishermen's Federation	Henrik Svenberg
Åland Islands Fishermen's Association	Fredrik Lundberg
Fishermen's Federation for Small-Scale Fishery in Sweden	May-Britt Landin
European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions	Roar B. Schou
European Transport Workers' Federation	Henrik Stachowiak
Federation of National Organisations of Importers and Exporters of Fish	Alex Olsen
Finnish Association for Nature Conservation	Tapani Veistola
The German Sportsfishermen's Association	Mathias von Lukowicz
Polish Ecological Club	Piotr Gruszka
Gotlands co-management initiative	Rolf Gydemo, Länsfiskekonsulent

Swedish Coast and Lake Fishermen's Federation	Ingemar Olsson
Swedish Consumers' Coalition	Bengt Ingerstam
Swedish Society for Nature and Conservation	Klas Hjelm
The Fisheries Secretariat	Niki Sporrøng
Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations	Jesper Kobberø
Coalition Clean Baltic	Gunnar Norén
European Anglers Alliance	Peter Mohnert
The International Federation for Sport Sea Fishing	Hubert Waldheim
Nordic Coastal and Fisherwomen	Gunnel Edman-Blom
World Wide Fund for Nature	Ewa Milewska