

## **BSRAC work programme for 2010 – 2011**

For the year 2010-2011 the BSRAC will still have as its focus, the long-term management of stocks. However, whilst management of the fishery continues to be determined by the setting of TACs and quotas on an annual basis, this will still be given priority.

Pelagics: the development of a long-term management plan.

Cod fishery – revision of the management plan for cod will be considered during 2010.

Salmon - a proposal for a management plan for salmon is expected early 2010.

The RAC will continue to contribute to a successful Common Fisheries Policy – in other words, with continued reflections and contributions to the revision of the CFP.

Markets issues: labelling/traceability/dioxin

The aim is to improve the image of fisheries industry by taking the lead in informing the public of positive and sustainable developments of the fishing industry, for example in labeling and traceability.

The BS RAC will work on developing a pro-active strategy of leading change instead of responding to it. The global financial crisis, climate change, and CFP reform are providing a window of opportunity for this to happen.

In particular the BS RAC will work on:

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

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

- **Multi-annual plan for cod : an evaluation**

According to Council Regulation 1098/2007 establishing a multi-annual plan for the cod stocks in the Baltic Sea, the Commission shall, on the basis of advice from STECF and the Baltic Regional Advisory Council (RAC), evaluate the impact of the management measures on the stocks concerned and on the fisheries exploiting those stocks in the third year of application of this Regulation and in each of the following years.

The BS RAC will therefore contribute towards this process and produce a recommendation on the management measures for the cod stocks in the Baltic.

- **Improved selectivity in the cod fishery.**

Against the background of the declaration signed by the Baltic Member states and the Commission in Stockholm on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2009, and the project proposal by the BS RAC for a project on selectivity, the BS RAC will contribute towards recommendations to further Commission's report on the selectivity of trawls. The BS RAC will continue to work on cementing a comprehensive cooperation between stakeholders and the relevant scientific institutions in order to improve selectivity.

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

Early 2010, the Commission is expected put forward its proposal for a management plan for Baltic salmon. The BS RAC will contribute to this process and produce a recommendation.

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

The BS RAC will work on the basis of the scientific advice produced by ICES and will draw up recommendations on the species relevant for the Baltic.

**Meetings provisionally planned:**

- 1 General Assembly
- 3/4 Executive Committee meetings
- 6 Working Group meetings

| Meeting  | Date                     | Place     |
|--|--------------------------|-----------|
| Pelagic WG (long-term management of pelagic species) | March 2010               | Göteborg? |
| Salmon WG  | ???                      | ???       |
| Demersal WG  | ???                      | Hamburg?  |
| General Assembly                                     | May 2010                 | Klaipeda  |
| Executive Committee (day after General Assembly)     | May 2010                 | Klaipeda  |
| Demersal WG  | May 2010                 | ???       |
| Pelagic WG   | May 2010                 | ???       |
| ExCom  | End June/early July 2010 | Sweden??? |
| ExCom  | October/November 2010    | Berlin    |