



Inter-RAC Conference
“Decision-Making within a reformed Common Fisheries Policy”

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Tuesday 3rd November 2009 – Scenarios and Options for Decision Making and Governance

12.00pm **Buffet Lunch**

1.10pm **Welcome** - **NSRAC** Chairman Hugo Anderson

1.20pm Welcome & keynote address - **Regionalisation – A Scottish Perspective** – Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Environment, Scotland.

1.40 pm Commission opening remarks **Reversing the Burden of Proof in Fisheries Management**, Dr Poul Degnbol, Scientific Adviser to the European Commission, DG Mare

2.10 pm "The role of the RACs in decision-making under the CFP: **legal Constraints and future possibilities**" Dr. Ronan Long – Marine Law & Ocean Policy Research Services

2.40 pm Q & A

2.50pm **Participation of Stakeholders in Fisheries Management**, Guus Pastoor, President of the EU Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture & President of AIPCE

3.10 pm **Making Fisheries Management Work, Examples from Elsewhere**, Crispian Ashby, Programmes Manager of the Australian Government Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

3.30pm Afternoon Break

3.50pm **“Integration of the CFP into the wider Maritime Policy”** Haitze Siemers , DG MARE, Head of Unity for North Sea, Baltic Sea and Landlocked Member States

4.20pm **Barriers to improved performance and management options** – IDDR Steve Cunningham

4.50pm **Panel**, Discussion, centered on a Panel, **Chaired** by Mike Neilson, Director, Marine Scotland.

5.30pm Close of Session



7. 00 **Reception and Dinner in Edinburgh Castle** – Hosted by Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Environment, Scotland on behalf of Scottish Government

Wednesday 4th November 2009 - Defining a way forward for fisheries governance in Europe

9.00am **Chairman's Opening Remarks** - NWW RAC Sam Lambourne

9.15am **Key note address Swedish Presidency** – Axel Wenblad, Director General, National Board of Fisheries

9.40 **Conclusions from Baltic conference** - Reine Johansson, Chair Baltic Sea RAC / Michael Andersen

10.00am **NGO Responsibilities within a reformed CFP**, Euan Dunn, Birdlife International

10.15am **Industry Responsibilities within a reformed CFP**, Dr Barrie Deas, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, UK.

10.30am **Wider Environmental Perspective to Fisheries Management** - Kjartan Hoydal, NEAFC

10.50am Discussion, centered on a Panel **Chaired by Huw Irranca-Davies MP, UK Minister for Marine and Natural Environment**

11.20 Break

11.30am Breakout into 4 workshops to discuss: (coffee will be available in workshops)

- 1. A Stronger Regional Dimension to the CFP**, Chairman Pim Visser, President of the European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions - Rapporteur, Simon West, DEFRA
- 2. Managing Stakeholder Participation within the CFP**, Chairman Sean O'Donoghue, President of the European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO) – Rapporteur, Jan Willem Wijnstroom EAA ?



- 3. Models for Future CFP Decision Making including role of RACs** - Chairman Janick Moriceau, - Rapporteur - Andrew Brown/David Brew Marine Scotland

15 min Presentation – Anne-Sophie Christensen, University of Aalborg

- 4. Future Needs for Expert Advice**, Chairman Maureen Watt MSP, Scottish Parliament Chair Rural Affairs & Environment Committee, - , rapporteur

15 min Presentation by ICES- Henrik Sparholt

1.00pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm **Presentations from the Workshops & debate** – session Chair - Victor Badiola
Chair of SWWRAC

2.45 **Democracy and the Role of the European Parliament within a reformed CFP**

Struan Stevenson MEP, Vice President, EU Parliament Fisheries Committee

3.15 pm Concluding remarks – DG MARE

3.30pm Rapporteur's Summary

3.45pm **Chairman's Concluding Remarks** – Pelagic RAC Chair – Iain MacSween

4.00pm Close of Conference