

## **DRAFT agenda**

### **Salmon/Sea trout Working Group, 2-3 April 2009, Copenhagen, Denmark**

#### **1. Opening of the meeting**

The chairman Gunnar Asplund opened the meeting and wished the representatives welcome. (Participant list attached). The meeting of the salmon/sea trout WG was held at the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Slotholmsgade 12, Copenhagen.

The goal of the meeting was to collect and discuss contributions and reactions on the Commission consultation paper (13.2 2009) for a new salmon management plan and to discuss the possibility of having a contribution from the WG and BSRAC.

#### **2. The minutes from 10<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

The minutes were accepted with an additional remark to the discussion from the Finnish Association for Nature Conservation, Tapani Veistola;” Hunting on cormorants are not advocated since other methods in existing legislation offer possibilities to regulate the problem”.

#### **3. Consultation paper 13.2 2009 from the European Commission, DG Mare**

The WG had received 7 contributions. The writers of these papers were asked to shortly present their papers and point out the most important issues. Contributions were sent by following; Coalition Clean Baltic (CCB), World Wild Foundation (WWF), Walter Ranke, European Angling Association (EAA), Federation of Finnish Fisheries Association(FFFA) Nordic Coastal and Fisherwomen and Finnish Association for Nature Conservation.

On the basis of questions in the Commission consultation paper from 13 February 2009 and the contributions to that, a proposal to a recommendation was drafted. It was agreed that this could form the basis for further discussions on the final contents of a proposal to a recommendation. The WG could finally by the end of the meeting agree upon a common position paper and agreed to send this proposal to the Executive Committee by Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April for further action.

#### **4. Salmon WG, activity calendar for 2009**

The Baltic Sea RAC Secretariat informed about an invitation to a stakeholder meeting in Brussels 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009. It was decided to nominate five persons from the WG to this meeting. The costs for these persons will be carried by the Commission The WG rapporteur would be the sixth person since he is already located in Brussels and have no travel costs.

As it became clear that the invitation did not include any timeslot for the BSRAC to present it views on the ongoing process, it was decided that a letter shall be sent without delay to fix the Commission’s attention to this problem.

No other activities were noted at this point of time.

## **5. Any other business**

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## **6. Closing the meeting**

The chairman thanked the representatives for constructive co-operation and closed the meeting at 12:00