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BSRAC news and meetings

BS RAC Conference 1st –2nd October 2009:

Baltic Sea Fisheries: Lessons Learned and Future Perspectives"

This is getting very close. The deadline for registering is **Wednesday 16th September**: Register with the BS RAC secretariat. If you need a hotel room, please contact the hotel direct. All information is here:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1358&kind=4&pageId=1081

Interpreting: the following languages will be available to and from: Swedish, English, German, Polish. It will also be possible to speak Finnish

The dinner on day 1: – the Swedish minister Eskil Erlandsson will be will hosting the dinner for conference.

Posters and leaflets: there will be room for these, but please clear with the BS RAC secretariat before you put thing so out.

The BS RAC Focus Group to work on the reform of the CFP 26th and 27th October 2009

This will be held at Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries. An invitation will be sent to all our members next week. We have copies of the Green Paper in all Baltic languages, so don't print one – get one from us! Please sign up.

There is a new representative from Estonian Fishermen's Union on the BS RAC as a replacement for Margo Purru. He is Mart Undrest: welcome.

The RACs' coordination meeting with the Commission will be on Monday 5th October in Brussels

Commission news and meetings

The Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture just held its Ad Hoc meeting on CFP reform in Copenhagen on 8th September 2009. It was opened by the Danish Minister responsible for fisheries, Eva Kjer Hansen. She emphasised the importance of dialogue and discussion, even if viewpoints differ. She explained the initiatives being taken by Denmark in connection with the CFP reform. She said there was a need for changes to the principles of the CFP – going from landing quotas, to catch quotas. She also emphasised the importance of more intelligent fisheries and selective tools. She mentioned the camera trials being carried out by Danish fishermen, whereby fishermen taking part were given a larger quota to land all their catch. She said that we owe it to the fishermen to encourage them to fish in a responsible way. The trials were presented in more detail by representatives from the ministry and by DTU Aqua under the title "Finding the Driver for Responsible Fishing". She also mentioned that administrations around the Baltic Sea had set up a working group to look at discards: the last meeting was in Riga last week.

If you want to read more about this the trials in Denmark, follow the link here:

http://www.fvm.dk/Yield_of_Fish.aspx?ID=24957

If you want to learn about the Danish experience with ITQs: navigate through:

<http://www.eurofish.dk/dynamiskSub.php4?id=287>

The Community Fisheries Control Agency will be holding its next Advisory Board meeting in Vigo on Monday 14th September. The BS RAC secretariat will take part at the meeting.

On the agenda will be:

- A report of the activities in 2009
- Presentation of the final draft work programme for 2010
- Election of the representative and the alternative of the advisory board in the administrative board

- A discussion on cooperation with the RACs.

Commission meeting with RACs on TACs and quotas will be Thursday 29th September ((in the afternoon)
We await the formal invitation to this meeting.

A reminder: the final Commission meeting on Maritime Spatial Planning October 2nd, Stockholm

The Commission is holding a concluding conference on the Commission's Roadmap Communication on maritime spatial planning (MSP) that will take place in Stockholm (Clarion Hotel Sign) on 2nd October, with the participation of the Commissioner Joe Borg.

BSRAC members are encouraged to join the second part of the MSP conference (afternoon). This conference marks an important step in the MSP debate and it would be important that as many maritime sectors as possible, including fisheries and related interests, are represented there.

Peter Breckling will attend on behalf of the Union of German Cutter Fishery. A representative from the other interest groups is really encouraged to take part, and anyone else who is in Stockholm for the BS RAC conference can attend the second half of the conference. See here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/week32/MSPfinalStockholm021009.pdf>

STECF plenary meeting: will be in in Brussels from 09.11.2009 to 13.11.2009.

All possible questions must be submitted to the STECF plenary. All terms of reference and all documents supporting such questions have to be compiled by the Commission by **09.10.2009**.

Marine Natura 2000 Seminar for the Baltic Sea Region: From DG Environment

We have an invitation and registration form to the Marine Natura 2000 Seminar for the Baltic Sea Region in Sopot, Poland on 23 and 24 November 2009. Two members from the BS RAC can attend. See here:

http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/36_37/MarineNatura2000Seminar.pdf

Other news and meetings

Better Nordic-Baltic cooperation?

From Marco Frederiksen, Eurofish, is a study of study of NB8-CSO - A survey to explore options for future Nordic-Baltic Cooperation in the areas of Fisheries and Aquaculture. Here it is:

<http://www.eurofish.dk/index.php?id=3773>

All Danish commercial fisheries to be certified by 2010. Last week the Danish Fishermen's Association held a press conference to announce that all the species caught by Danish fishermen will be MSC certified by the end of 2012. The first three to be worked on are plaice in the North Sea, cod in the eastern Baltic and saithe in all waters. This is expected to take year – so MSC labelled Danish caught fish will be in the fish shops in the autumn of 2010.

If you read Danish see here:

<http://danmarksfiskeriforening.dk/Default.asp?id=34308&visnyhed=9519&newscode=20098>

Alex Olsen (AIPCE-CEP) also sent us a press release on this from Espersen A/S (in English). Read here:

http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/36_37/Full%20MSC%20certification%20of%20Danish%20FisheryEspersen.pdf

Vigo World fishing Exhibition 16th - 19th September

Eurofish have informed us that a large number of professional visitors from the United Kingdom, Nigeria, Mexico, Brazil, New Zealand, South Africa, Ghana and the USA have already registered to attend this year's



World Fishing Exhibition. Visitors from more than 90 different countries have already registered at the exhibition's website. There are also visitors coming from countries such as Japan, Taiwan, Ivory Coast, Belarus and Vanuatu. Visitors will see three halls full of exhibitors from over 53 countries from around the world, showcasing all aspects of equipment for the commercial fishing and aquaculture industry, the full exhibitor list can be found at www.worldfishingexhibition.com/listadoexpositores.php

Read about it here: <http://www.worldfishingexhibition.com/index.php?lang=en>

And CFCA is also marking the Day of Europe of the World Fishing Exhibition, 18 September 2009 (Vigo-Spain) at Stand F50. See here:

<http://www.worldfishingexhibition.com/noticia.php?idNoticia=2618>

World Summit on Fisheries Sustainability

Find below the programme of the World Summit on Fisheries Sustainability. This event will be held in Vigo the 15th of September as one of the "spin-off" activities of the World Fishing Exhibition:

<http://www.worldfishingexhibition.com/cumbrepesquera/programa.php>

“Fiskens dag” Danish style: The Day of the fish will be celebrated in Copenhagen at Nyhavn on Saturday 12th September with top chefs cooking up tasty fish dishes. There will be tasting of mussels soup and herring. It will be opened by Executive Director of the Danish Fishermen’s Association, Niels Wichmann. It will also mark the start on another eat-more-fish campaign called “Autumn fish” If you read Danish, see here:

www.2gangeomugen.dk

From ICES

1. **Courses in “Stock assessment (introduction)”** to be held 11-15 January 2010 and “Stock assessment (advanced)” to be held 1-5 February 2010 at the ICES Secretariat in Copenhagen. For more information about ICES Training Programme visit the Training web page: The two mentioned courses are here:

www.ices.dk/iceswork/training/training.asp

Contact Søren Anker Pedersen , Coordinator for training at ICES sorenap@ices.dk

2. ICES workshops on format and form of scientific advice,

The workshops on the format and form of the advice met with difficulties and we decided to hold these two meetings (WKFORM and WKFAR) one following after the other.

WKFORM- Form (framework) of advice (Tuesday (afternoon)-Thursday (Morning) 1-3 December

WKFAR – Format of ICES advisory report (Thursday (afternoon)-Saturday(Morning) 3-5 December

The 2 meetings will be held in Lisbon prior to the ICES Advisory Committee meeting. Please inform the ICES Secretariat about participation.

Bonnie Scotland calls with an invitation to Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council members,

As you may be aware, the reform process for the current Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) began this year with the launch of the European Commission’s Green Paper. Responses to the Commission are required by 31st December 2009. The Scottish Government intends to submit a comprehensive response based on the work undertaken by the independent Inquiry into the Future of Fisheries Management, and on views of Scottish stakeholders. We are hosting three workshops across Scotland in the Autumn. The purpose of these workshops is to enable stakeholders to identify and discuss the key issues regarding CFP reform, and to inform the Scottish Government’s response to the Green Paper.

The dates and locations for these workshops are as follows:

- 25th Sept Shetland’s NAFC Marine Centre (Port Arthur , Scalloway, Shetland, ZE1 0UN)

- 6th Oct Ramada Jarvis Hotel in Inverness (Church Street, Inverness, IV1 1DX)
- 8th October at The Lighthouse in Glasgow (11 Mitchell Lane, Glasgow, G1 3NU).

The workshops will run from 10:00am until 14:30. A buffet lunch will be provided. We would be grateful if you could respond indicating your willingness to be involved and providing names of representative(s) likely to be attending, as well as an indication of which workshop you would prefer to attend.

Please note that you are invited to bring 1 person to each of the Glasgow and Inverness events, and as many as you wish for the Shetland workshop, as the venue is more allowing of numbers.

To this end, it would be helpful if you reply to Ray Philip (Ray.Philp@scotland.gsi.gov.uk) with the details in the pro-forma below to provide this information.

Name:

Organisation:

Nominated Representative(s):

Preferred workshop:

Seminar in Poland: Cod – the Savior of the Baltic Sea? 24 September 2009 (14.00-17.00)

Polish Chamber of Commerce Trębacka Street No. 4, Warsaw

A joint event by demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy and BalticSea 2020. The declining stock of cod in the Baltic Sea is a serious environmental problem. During the first part of the event Mr Zbigniew Karnicki from the Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia will explain the role of cod in the Baltic Sea environment and the effects of stock mismanagement and overfishing. In the second part, Ms. Katarina Veem, Programme Director in Baltic Sea 2020, will present a report on some of the best practices in fisheries management in the world, together with concrete recommendations on how to improve the Baltic Sea environment. Finally, we will present a documentary “For Cod’s Sake”, an introduction to Save the Sea Media Project.

Programme:

14.00 Welcome

Paweł Świeboda, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

The role of cod in the Baltic Sea

dr inż. Zbigniew Karnicki, Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia

Best Practice Fisheries Management

Programme Director, Katarina Veem, Baltic Sea 2020

The Baltic Sea Media Project 2007-2017

Exclusive preview of For Cod’s Sake – the first documentary in the series.

Wine and snacks

See the link here:

http://www.demoseuropa.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=245%3Adorsz-ratunkiem-dla-morza-batyckiego&catid=75%3Aanadchodzce&Itemid=98&lang=en

Seas at Risk Conference: "Towards a sustainable European fishing fleet: the double challenge of restructuring and reducing the fleet".

The conference will take place on **Wednesday 21st October 2009** at the Stanhope Hotel in Brussels.

If you would like to attend, I would be grateful if you could fill in the registration forms and send them back to me by email at nkontoulis@seas-at-risk.org or by fax to 0032 2 893 0966 by 15th October 2009, choosing which of the three afternoon workshops you would like to participate in. See here:

http://www.seas-at-risk.org/n2_more.php?page=224&KT_back=-1

Don't forget the Baltic 2020 seminar on cod, called: Torsken - Östersjöns välgörare. 28th September Stockholm



The aim of the seminar, which is in Swedish, is to look at cod from several perspectives: scientific advice, management plans, and the role of cod in the ecosystem. Then there will be suggestions on how to lead to a long-term, sustainable and environmentally-sound management of the fish stock. Here, in Swedish:

Torskens framtid är en viktig miljöfråga för Östersjön. Det är en utmaning som har en lösning och som ger påtagliga effekter inom några få år. Det är dessutom en miljöfråga där alla kan vinna: befolkningen runt Östersjön får ett renare hav, yrkesfiskarna kan få ett lönsamt fiske och konsumenterna kan njuta av lokalt fångad torsk igen.

För att belysa och diskutera torsken och dess roll i Östersjöns miljö bjuder vi dig till ett exklusivt seminarium som belyser ämnet ur flera perspektiv – den vetenskapliga rådgivningen, förvaltningsplanen, torskens roll i ekosystemet. Därtill kommer vi presentera förslag till förbättringar och initiativ som leder till en långsiktig, uthållig och miljöriktig förvaltning av Östersjöns fiskbestånd.

Tid: 28 september, 16.00-19.00

Plats: Kungl. Vetenskapsakademien, Beijersalen

Program:

Inledning

Ulf Wickbom, *journalist, författare och seminariets moderator*

Torskens roll i Östersjön

Henrik Österblom, *Dr, Baltic Nest Institute*

Best Practice Fisheries Management

Katarina Veem, *Programchef, Baltic Sea 2020*

The Baltic Sea Media Project 2007-2017

Exklusiv förhandsvisning av *Alla torskar* – den första filmen i en serie dokumentärfilmer om Östersjön.