

Week 35

BSRAC news and meetings

The BS RAC Conference 1st –2nd October, Stockholm, Hotel Saltsjöbaden

Preparations are well underway. All eight EU ministers from around the Baltic (one secretary of state) in charge of fisheries have confirmed that they will attend, together with their directors of fisheries. This is a great honour for the Baltic RAC. There are excellent speakers who will cover a wide range of subjects. Focus will be on the reform of the CFP and the challenges it presents for the Baltic. Three ministers (Denmark, Poland and Sweden) will address the conference, as will Commissioner Joe Borg. In addition, experts and key people working directly or indirectly with fisheries will give presentations on fisheries control, the state of the stocks in the Baltic, best practices in fisheries management, the environment and scientific cooperation. There will be a case history of how new fisheries management methods have been introduced in Denmark, and there will be a view from the market sector. The European Economic Social Committee will also make presentations on CFP reform and the conditions required for reconciling the conflicting values embodied in the CFP.

Check the programme out here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Stockholm%20Conference/Draft%20programmeBSRACConf9.pdf>

In addition, all ministers will be invited to sign a ministerial declaration on the Baltic Sea fisheries. This is currently being prepared by the Swedish ministry of Agriculture. There will of course be a press conference on the first day to enable ministers to convey their immediate reactions from the conference. This really is an EVENT to take part in. At this conference there will be interpreting into and from some of the Baltic languages.

Register (invitation) here: <http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Stockholm%20Conference/InviteALL.pdf>

JAKFISH meeting on participatory modelling Wednesday 21st October, London: for Pelagic RAC and BS RAC

This is to be confirmed

BS RAC Focus Group on CFP Reform

We now have date for this meeting: Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October (we hope it will be in London).

Joint RAC conference on Decision-making in the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy

3rd - 4th November, Edinburgh. The NS RAC has taken the initiative to holding this event, which is jointly organised by several RACs. It is jointly funded and hosted by Marine Scotland & DEFRA, so it will not entail costs for the BS RAC. Reine Johansson is invited to present the results of the BS RAC Conference on the second day of the Edinburgh meeting. The draft programme for this event is here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/Inter-RAC/Inter-RAC%20CFP%20conference%20draft%20prog%20250809.doc>

The BS RAC holds its ExCom on 3rd November in Copenhagen.

MIRAC meeting Tuesday 26th and Wednesday 27th January 2010

The BS RAC is pleased to host this meeting between ICES and the RACs. It will take place at the Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia. This is a yearly meeting between ICES, the RACs and the Commission to discuss and coordinate work between ICES and the RACs and to provide a forum for exchanging ideas on future work together. Commission also takes part. Invitation to be sent out from the BS RAC soon.

Commission news and meetings

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>

Other news and meetings

ICES workshops on improving the presentation of the fisheries advice September (8th –10th) and November (3rd –5th)

Hans Lassens of ICES regrets that these meetings must be postponed because several key participants are not available so soon after the summer vacations. They will advise on the new dates as soon as possible.

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

The Danish Society of Engineers, IDA and the Baltic Nest Institute invites managers, scientists and other stakeholders with interests in environmental managements of ecosystems to an international conference on the management of the Baltic water and ecosystem quality.

The aim of the meeting is to present and discuss state of the art science-based management from regulating land-use in the catchment areas, consequences for the water borne and atmospheric emissions to effects for fishery, environmental quality and economy for the entire Baltic Sea Region.

The conference will cover presentations of different analytical models, such as catchment simulation models, atmospheric transport models, ecological modelling of fish stocks and nutrient dynamics. In a separate session an attempt will be undertaken to link these ecological models with the economic ones, such as eg. cost-minimization models. The HELCOM 'NEST' model which provided the scientific foundation for the Baltic Sea Action Plan will also be discussed. Among the invited speakers are our very own Niki Sporrang of the Fisheries Secretariat, and Michael Andersen of the Danish Fishermen's Association.

See here:

http://www.baltseaplan.eu/index.php5?node_id=Linking+Science+and+Economy+Copenhagen:129&lang_id=1

Baltic 2020 have sent an invitation to a seminar on cod, called: Torsken - Östersjöns välgörare

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.

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