

Dear members and observers:

BSRAC news and meetings

Demersal Working Group 14th April 2010, Copenhagen

Sorry, the approval of the minutes has got a bit delayed due to work load. But on their way very soon.....

Pelagic Working Group 15th April 2010, Copenhagen

Draft minutes and draft recommendation on the long-term management plan for pelagic stocks were sent to the working group members for comments. The WG chair is in the process in reviewing input and revising the first draft. This will be discussed at the ExCom in Klaipeda next week.

BS RAC General Assembly 11th May 2010

Will report on this next time (about 40 are registered)

Executive Committee 12th May 2010

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Commission and EP news and meetings

How did the video conference on the elimination of discards go on Thursday 22nd April?

Once people got logged on and linked up to the Commission's video network, this worked very well.

The videoconference started with participants from Sweden, Estonia, Germany, Latvia and DG MARE. DK and an invited expert from Ireland joined later in the meeting. Poland was not able to join the conference due to technical problems. However, members from the permanent representation of Poland and Latvia were present at DG MARE meeting room. The BS RAC participants joined the Danish and Swedish delegations, and this worked very well. There was agreement that a videoconference is not the right format to have an in-depth discussion on technical issues, so a detailed discussion on the terms of reference for the technical working was postponed. There was a discussion on the Commission's proposal to amend the technical rules for the Baltic – in particular, the proposal to ban the use of a buoy on the codend. No decision was made on this, and discussions will continue at the technical working group which will take place on 19th -21st May in Brussels. Reine Johansson and Michael Andersen will represent the BS RAC at this meeting. If you want to see the draft agenda for this meeting, see here:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1466&kind=4&pageId=1227

RAC secretariats brainstorming meeting with the Meeting with DG Mare, Monday 26th April

All RAC secretariats took part at this very useful one-day meeting. We didn't just focus on budgets, but looked at how to work in a more consolidated way, and in particular:

- An Update on DG MARE's Work Programme: in particular, what we can expect on CFP reform in the months to come.
- Use of the Maritime Forum, which is an internet based forum for the RAC secretariats to access and update and keep updated on meetings
- The Evaluation and impact assessment of LTMPs: what the RACs can expect to take part in in the evaluation of existing long-term management plans, as well as the shaping of new ones.
- An ICES presentation on the MSY approach by Head of Programming Poul Degnbol: this was via computer link.

If anyone wants to see the power points from this meeting, please contact the secretariat.

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And how did it go in La Coruña? Conference on CFP Reform 2nd and 3rd May 2010?

Follow the link here and you can find more information and a press release:

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/news_and_events/press_releases/040510a/index_en.htm

And here you can get a summary of the debate: There were three workshops at this conference, and you can read summaries from each of them here:

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/news_and_events/events/020510/summary_en.pdf

What is smart regulation?

Commission launched on 26 April a stakeholder consultation to collect input for a Communication on smart regulation it will produce this autumn. The Communication will present the Commission's priorities for smart regulation, as announced in President Barroso's political guidelines of end of 2009. **The consultation will run from 23 April to 25 June.** See here in two languages :

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/better_regulation/smart_regulation/consultation_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/better_regulation/smart_regulation/consultation_de.htm

Impact Assessment Roadmaps for the initiatives programmed by the Commission

Did you know that the Commission produces a so-called roadmap for initiatives that lead to proposals for legislation? They give a description of the background to the particular initiative, what the aims and various policy options are, as well as an assessment of the possible impacts. In the case of the Baltic there are currently two roadmaps which you can see - on the long-term management plan for pelagics, and a revision of the multi-annual plan for the cod stocks. Start here:

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/roadmaps_2010_en.htm#maritime

Look under Maritime Affairs and Fisheries

And find two relevant for the Baltic:

Long-term management plan for pelagic stocks in the Baltic Sea

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/docs/63_mare_baltic_pelagic_stocks_en.pdf

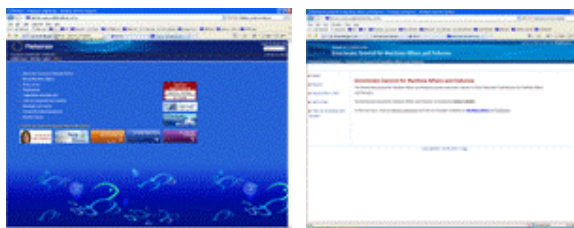
and

Revision of the multiannual plan for the cod stocks in the Baltic Sea and the fisheries exploiting stocks

http://ec.europa.eu/governance/impact/planned_ia/docs/66_mare_baltic_cod_en.pdf

And three for the price of two: DG Mare and Maritime Affairs websites have had a facelift

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/index_en.htm



Two old websites are gone...

And three new websites are here!

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The Fisheries website and the website of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries DG have undergone a complete makeover. In addition, a brand new website has been prepared for the European Atlas of the Seas. The new websites are now online. **What's changed?**

Shorter texts: The texts on the new website are written in a short and succinct way. You will always be able to go deeper into the topics by clicking on the links under "related content", by reading the texts listed under "Further reading" or by studying the legal texts and official documents listed at the bottom of the page.

More news. The news items will be published on the home page and in the press corner, and will also appear in the news corner on the relevant subpages.

More languages! Our previous website existed in 11 language versions. We are proud that the new website exists in 22 languages. For reasons of resources, news and very detailed information will not be translated to all languages.

- *More possibilities to search the site:* All content on the site is structured by keywords. You will be able to search on specific keywords, or do a free text search. (Please note that as the website has not yet been indexed, the search function does not yet work properly).
- *A new structure:* We have tried to make it easier to find the topics you are interested in by restructuring the content. Legislation and official documents are no longer listed on specific legislation pages, but can be accessed from the page dealing with that particular topic.

What will still change?

- The website is currently on-line in English only. We are finalising the other 21 language versions and will put them on-line within the next few weeks.
- We still have a lot of content to upload on the site, and are about to create interesting new sections.
- There might be broken links or problems with the navigation. We are working hard to fix these.

Any comments?

- If you want to report errors or broken links, please send an e-mail to MARE-WEBMASTER.

But wait a moment! Haven't we forgotten something...?



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The Maritime Affairs website is next in line to be restructured.....

Remember FARNET?: The Fisheries Areas Network?

Support from the new Priority Axis 4 of the European Fisheries Fund to help the sustainable development of fisheries areas) Their April newsletter is available here:

In English:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet/sites/default/files/documents/Farnet_Newsletter_2010-04_EN.pdf

And in German:

https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/fpfis/cms/farnet/sites/default/files/documents/Farnet_Newsletter_2010-04_DE.pdf

Commission Seminars in connection with Common Markets Organisation 14th and 15th April, Madrid

Below are links to the DG website where you will find the presentations and minutes of the CMO seminars that took place in Madrid on 14 and 15 April 2010: (though we had an excellent report from our very own Jesper Kobberø)

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/news_and_events/events/seminar_140410/index_en.htm

http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/news_and_events/events/seminar_150410/index_en.htm

33rd PLENARY MEETING REPORT OF THE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC COMMITTEE FOR FISHERIES (PLEN-10-01)

See page 8 of the report: "Framework for improvement of relationship between the STECF and RACs"

The report is here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/Diverse/2010/FINAL%20REPORT%20STECF%20PLEN-10-01%20pending%20ISBN%20number.pdf>

The Data collection framework

A very tiny addendum to the Council Regulation (EC) No 199/2008 of 25 February 2008 concerning the establishment of a Community framework for the collection, management and use of data in the fisheries sector and support for scientific advice regarding the common fisheries policy, See here:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2010:096:0008:0008:EN:PDF>

Last, but absolutely not least, from the Commission: (fishing opportunities for 2011)

The policy statement on fishing opportunities for 2011 should be adopted on 17 May 2010.

The May edition of the European Parliament Fisheries Committee newsletter "Le Chalutier" is here:

<http://www.europarl.europa.eu/document/activities/cont/201005/20100503ATT74044/20100503ATT74044EN.pdf>

If you want an update on meetings in the Fisheries Committee, as well as other EU relevant meetings such as council meetings and conferences. Read about the MEPs' debate on the common organisation of the market in fishery and fish farming products on 9th April 2010 on imports, wages and Quality: How to ensure fair income for fishermen in a market where production costs are rising and sale prices stagnating? How can European producers compete with third countries where labour costs are considerably lower?

Other news and meetings

Defining Overfished Stocks: "Have We lost the Plot?" !!!!

This is in connection with the recent ICES workshop on MSY: It's a paper sent by Dale Rodmell, Assistant Chief Executive of the National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, UK. He feels this document has its

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merits. The article deals with defining overfishing as well as management targets. It argues that instead setting targets in relation to theoretical unfished stock sizes, it would be better to base targets on levels of historical stock size. See here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/Weeks%2017-18/Hilborn%20and%20Stokes%202010%20Fisheries%20Lost%20the%20Plot.pdf>

Contact: Dale.Rodmell@nffo.org.uk <http://www.nffo.org.uk/>

The latest newsletter from FISHSEC is here:

<http://bk.venamail.com/display.php?M=705&C=0cdacbd3e583df8559c319f06bdb0265&S=144&L=1&N=108>

It includes:

The UK creating the world's largest Marine Protected Area (don't worry, it's out in the Indian Ocean):

<http://www.fishsec.org/article.asp?CategoryID=1&ContextID=590>

and

Small-scale fisheries do not equal small-scale management problems:

<http://www.fishsec.org/article.asp?CategoryID=1&ContextID=593>

From ICES an invitation to RAC members to Galway in October:

The ICES 14th Dialogue Meeting - Ecosystem Approach

The Regional Advisory Councils are invited to the 14th Dialogue meeting 12–13 October 2010 to take place in Galway, Ireland. At this meeting there will be discussion on implementation of the ecosystem approach with managers and leading advisory scientists. Ecosystem concerns are gaining importance in fisheries management and will in the coming years define the framework within which fisheries can operate. This is illustrated by the adoption of the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive in 2008 and the expected adoption of criteria for Good Environmental Status in July 2010. The meeting is by invitation only to assure the effective exchange of viewpoints. Three members per RAC are invited. We also have to check the costs of this. But please let me know if you're interested.

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1460&kind=4&pagelid=1227

ICES has written to the RACS about presentation of the ICES advice for 2011

See here:

http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/Weeks%2017-18/Advice_Presentation_Query_letter.pdf

We have replied and thanked ICES for their flexibility and willingness to meet separately with the RACs to cover their specific regional advice. We've informed that we'll be deciding on dates for working groups at our coming ExCom meeting next week. Please find and return the attached letter regarding ICES Advice

And more ICES: this time young fishermen: it's that time of year again.

ICES has contacted RACs, council delegates and other interested parties, to ask about any young fishermen who might be interested in attending the ICES Annual Science Conference in Nantes, France from 21–24 September 2010. An invitation and application form for the Young Fishermen's Meeting is here:

http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/Weeks%2017-18/youngfishermenapplication_and_invite.pdf

The deadline for applications is **Friday 28 May 2010.**

The link to the Annual Science Conference web-site is: <http://www.ices.dk/iceswork/asc/2010/index.asp>

BALTIC 2020 is holding a conference on: What do we gain by establishing a non-discarding fishery in the Baltic? Thursday 27th May 2010.

See here for all information:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/Diverse/2010/Invitation%20to%20Conference.htm>

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It says:

The Foundation Baltic Sea 2020 invites you to a conference meant to inform and stimulate a discussion on discard of fish in the Baltic Sea. Viewpoints will be given by regional politicians, NGO's and the market. The conference is hosted by Björn Carlson, chairman and founder of Baltic Sea 2020, and the key note speech will be held by the Danish Minister for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Henrik Høegh. As you can see from the programme, Michael Andersen will be representing the BS RAC in the afternoon panel discussions.

Heard of the World Ocean Council?

<http://www.oceancouncil.org/site/>

It's holding a Sustainable Ocean Summit in **Belfast, 15, 16 & 17 June 2010**

The Sustainable Ocean Summit will bring together "Corporate Ocean Responsibility" leaders to tackle an ambitious program on shared marine environmental challenges.

See here:

http://www.oceancouncil.org/site/pdfs/SOS_General_22-10-09.pdf

Sustaining Seafood: Fisheries and aquaculture interactions with other industries.

The latest edition of the Eurofish magazine came out not so long ago:

<http://www.eurofishmagazine.com/magazine/current-issue>

Country profiles: Ukraine and Norway

Events: Fish International and the India International Seafood Show

Aquaculture: Frozen Cobia loins to launch at ESE

Research: Reusing cleaned wastewater

Heard of the Sustainable Fisheries Partnership? (SFP):

<http://visitor.constantcontact.com/c.jsp?t=1103325550938.635.41112168.2&m=1101913915169&w=F>

Reduction Fisheries League Table

Last month (March 2010), SFP released a sustainability league table on the 22 fish stocks most harvested for fish oil and fishmeal.

FishSource, Reduction Fisheries and Aquaculture, evaluates these fisheries on: whether management is precautionary, whether fishery managers follow scientific advice, whether fishers comply with catch limits, whether stock levels are healthy now and whether they are likely to be healthy in future. The report is on the home page of SFP's website

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103325550938&s=635&e=001MAnjMz1_9wYC93mA_cs3alsJVORjiDuw0y4Ts86oPPk1VZEPheU3QLZGu0ubQ7XQMtiq86rZ--thfYPvXa7elgPLQYKszzXnwvblSuh4sDtm0RC0q5fM2w==].

The publication New Scientist covered the story here:

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103325550938&s=635&e=001MAnjMz1_9wY5vfSILSB0eHgttCTp5XZ8JvEIAEKFRKtBlRp2SpN2XECheDD8adhtcgZcNmPfwQRAN8waU3IQCMpNnYZh5-xlb0Jt96uepH8ZnTESTP-RzkX8vTvGvs1Hb5lhWfjOQfyIA-BjK9idHv3E76lmid8FbQ9inSXalFrNnwOrHq8grrKwPVyN_23OHxSKNaU3m3H2EmxZsazB2A==].

Contact Jim Cannon, CEO, Sustainable Fisheries Partnership

[http://r20.rs6.net/tn.jsp?et=1103325550938&s=635&e=001MAnjMz1_9wYC93mA_cs3alsJVORjiDuw0y4Ts86oPPk1VZEPheU3QLZGu0ubQ7XQMtiq86rZ--thfYPvXa7elgPLQYKszzXnwvblSuh4sDtm0RC0q5fM2w==]

2. Announcement: of the International Conference on MARINE ECOSYSTEM MANAGEMENT – HOW TO MAKE IT SUSTAINABLE?

26 – 27 May 2010, Hotel Arctic, Ilulissat, Greenland

Sent to us by Ásmundur Guðjonsson, Senior Adviser, Nordic Council of Ministers

Register by 7th May 2010 See here:

<http://norden2010.fo/Default.aspx?ID=9842>

A bit more Nordic fisheries news:

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The Nordic countries should play a more active role in international fisheries co-operation, especially within the framework of the UN. A great deal is to be gained from closer contact with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), whose remit includes fisheries, according to a report on the Nordic Council of Ministers' visit to the FAO.

<http://www.norden.org/en/news-and-events/news/nordic-fisheries-look-to-the-world>

Again, contact [Ásmundur Guðjónsson](mailto:asmundur.guðjónsson) E-post ag@norden.org

FOGA keep sending us their Nord Stream keep coming via FOGA

Latest update from week 18 if you want this newsletter, contact Ellen Knudsen, FOGA ApS Trafikhavnsvej 19 Dk-6700 Esbjerg Phone: +45 75451144 Email: fish.info@foga.dk Email: ek@foga.dk

Seas At Risk Newsletter Wednesday 5th May 2010

Whether it is the ongoing discussions at the IMO concerning GHG reductions and the dumping of waste at sea, or further deliberations within the EU regarding the reform of the CFP and the subject of biodiversity, spring time this year has been a busy period for Seas At Risk.

In this edition, read up on our demands and those of other NGOs on how the reform of the CFP might be better approached; download our commissioned study that explores the idea of ships travelling slower to reduce their carbon footprints; take a look at the brochure we have produced alongside Stichting De Noordzee on marine litter; and follow the blog from our homepage to gather Maja Dittel's take on the recent failings to protect bluefin tuna... and much more!

www.seas-at-risk.org

Latest newsletter here:

<http://www.seas-at-risk.org/index.php>

The Danish Society For Marine Biology

The Danish Society for Marine Biology (DSFMB) was founded to improve general awareness about Marine Biology and to strengthen contacts between marine biologists in Denmark. The meet 6 -8 times a year and deal with chosen topics.

http://www.dsfmb.dk/OmForeningenside_EN.htm

So what's happening in Copenhagen on Tuesday 11th May 2010?

Why cameras on board Danish fishing vessels? The political and research based way forward to a new European fisheries policy. It says come and listen to Mogens Schou (from the Danish Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries) talk about the new European fisheries policy. And then Lotte Kindt-Larsen from DTU Aqua to talk about fully documented fishery. See here:

<http://www.dsfmb.dk/programside-filer/ProgramOpslag/DSFMB-opslag%2011%20maj%202010.pdf>

The second 2010 newsletter from the Marine Centre in Simrishamn (southern Sweden)

It tells about EU aid that has been given to the Centre to develop certain activities, what's coming up in the summer (a new exhibition to learn more about plankton), the creation of the so-called "Sydkustens Fiskeområde" – the south coast fishing area, to strengthen and develop a more sustainable fishery, and to develop new companies and products in the area. Marine biologist Camilla Witt, and gear technologist Vesa Tschernij have been working at Simrishamn since February and March this year.

Sorry, in Swedish, but see here:

http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/Weeks%2017-18/Nyhetsbrev_2_2010.pdf

MARITIME MARKET - Promotion in Russia

The latest issue of **Maritime Market** magazine is now available. We would like to offer you the opportunity to place a presentation of your company and its services in the next issue (publication date: **18.06.2010**). It is an

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excellent opportunity to promote your company on the Russian shipbuilding market. **The deadline for the placing of advertisements is 21.05.2010.**

More information at: <http://www.maritime.com.pl/mm>

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<http://www.maritime.com.pl/prasa/indexm-en.php?url=mm/main-en.php&lang=en&ln=en>

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