

BS RAC news

Meetings held:

General Assembly Friday 8th May

Deadline for comments to the report from the meeting is Tuesday 2nd June 2009

Focus group on Herring Area IIIa Monday 18th May 2009

We await final approval of the minutes. Watch website for update.

The power point presentations from the meeting are here:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1351&kind=4&pagelid=1106

The coming meetings are:

Small planning meeting for BS RAC conference Monday 8th June 2009

This will take place at the BS RAC offices in the evening. Some members of ExCom have said they will take part in advance of the Demersal WG the next day. This is to finalise the programme for the conference and decide on speakers. To be put to ExCom in June for approval.

Follow the conference here:

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

Demersal Working Group on Tuesday 9th June 2009

See here for invitation and documents:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1352&kind=4&pagelid=1081

Please sign up as soon as possible. And book hotel in good time

Pelagic Working Group Monday 15th June

Planned to be from 10.00 -16.00hrs in Copenhagen

Watch website for final update and documents:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1354&kind=4&pagelid=1081

ExCom on Tuesday 23rd June 2009

See here:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1353&kind=4&pagelid=1081

Sign up!

RAC Coordination meeting with Commission Friday 26th June, Brussels

We await final confirmation from the Commission, but our vice-Chair Ewa Milewska and Sally will represent BS RAC. There will be an inter-RAC meeting on 25th also in Brussels.

BS RAC basic documents are on our website:

The third annual report for 2008 -2009 and the work programme for 2009 -2010 have at last been put on the website. See here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/ooizzCMS/DA/aboutthebsrac>

♥The BSRAC office is closed on Monday 1st June for the Whitsun Bank Holiday and on Friday 5th June for Constitution Day ♥

Commission/Brussels news

EP elections - e-mail messages for multipliers

From the Commission:

Please find attached the aforementioned e-mail messages, which we would appreciate you passing on to other members of your organisations.

The different texts are organised by language, with the languages are in alphabetical order (BG - Bulgarian, CS - Czech and so on). The first lines in bold, under each language, are to be used as the subject of your e-mail.

<<TRADE AND INDUSTRY.doc>> <<NGOs.doc>>

Please find below a few *short guidelines* for the transmission of these messages:

- 1) select the **message** according to the audience (Trade & Industry associations or NGOs - see the 2 corresponding attachments)
- 2) select the relevant **language**
- 3) **copy** the message from the word document and **paste** it in your e-mail
- 4) add the phrase: **PASS THIS ON !** at the beginning of your message (in red and bold). This sentence should be inserted in all language versions (in EN).
- 5) copy your mailing list in **"to"**
- 6) press the **send button**

This is a new experience in communication for all of us; let's hope it bears results.

A very big thank you for your support.

Other news

Danish Ministry Workshop on the elimination of discards in the Baltic

A reminder from last week that the Minister of Food Agriculture and Fisheries is hosting a workshop on the elimination of discards in the Baltic Sea. Reine, our chair has been invited to attend and to hold a presentation. He has accepted. Eight BS RC members are invited by the Ministry to this workshop. Please let the Secretariat know as soon as possible if you want to take part. We don't have funds set aside to pay for members to attend this workshop. See here:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1362&kind=4&pagelid=1227

How is the economy of the Danish fisheries sector?

From the Institute of Food and Food Resource Economics, Denmark

FOI have just sent us its yearly report on the economic situation of the Danish Fishery for 2009. Most of the report is in Danish, but there is an English summary in the report. According to the general summary, the overall size of the Danish fleet has been reduced due to the introduction of ITQs and individual vessel quotas. In 2009 the transformation of the Danish fisheries regulation system to individual fishing rights will be more or less complete. This should in turn mean more fish for fewer vessels. However, lower prices for fish and lower quotas are expected mean a fall in earnings during 2009.

From their website is the following press release in Danish:

http://www.foi.life.ku.dk/Nyheder/nyheder_2009/Fiskeriets_oekonomi.aspx?frombanner={ACFF3FD7-7400-4785-9711-A46B7B2A3632}

But the entire report is here:

http://www.foi.life.ku.dk/Nyheder/nyheder_2009/~media/Foi/docs/Publikationer/Rapporter/Fiskeriets%20oekonomi/fiskeriets_oekonomi_2009.ashx

And the English summary is on pages 151 -160.

The Advice for the Baltic Sea is now on the ICES website

See here:

<http://www.ices.dk/committe/acom/comwork/report/asp/advice.asp?Region=30&Advice=-1&Species=-1&Period=262&titlesearch=&submit1=Submit+Query&mode=2>

STECF advice comes on 26th JUNE

From ICES we have the following message

Dear RACs and other interested parties,

Please find attached the list of planned Review, Advice Drafting and Advisory Committee meetings. You are invited to observe these groups. However, many of the meetings on this list are not physical meetings, but conducted either by correspondence or as web-conferences. Should you want to observe a web conference

you need access to a PC linked to the internet, and equipped with a headset and microphone. Software can be downloaded free of charge. The system we are using at the moment is 'Webex' and I propose to test out the system before you join a conference. I will be happy to arrange such a test, please contact hgj@ices.dk. Please inform the Secretariat, michala@ices.dk, if you want to observe any of these groups

The ICES Annual Conference: 21st -25th September Young Fishermen

The BS RAC has been able to nominate two candidates for the conference in Berlin: Bengt Larsson from the Fishermen's Federation for Small-Scale Fishery in Sweden and Jaako Ahtonen from the Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations. We've sent their names to ICES who make the final selection.

The Baltic Sea and the BS RAC in Focus

Article on BRAC in FNI June Article for Fishing News International
Attached is an article which will feature very soon in Fish News International.