

Weeks 28-31 Hello folks!

BSRAC news and meetings

The minutes from the last ExCom 230609 are on our website:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/ExCom230609/Minutes230609approved.pdf>

The BS RAC project description on selectivity in the Baltic fishery has been sent to the Commission and member states and is on our website:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/Recommendations/2009/SelectivityprojectBSRAC.pdf>

BS RAC comments on the Commission's Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2010 have been sent to the Commission and member states and are on our website:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/Recommendations/2009/CommentsBSRACCommunicationFinal.pdf>

The BS RAC Focus Group on the reform on the CFP

For practical reasons we have to find a new date for this Focus Group. Watch this space. It will be some time early October.

The next BS RAC Pelagic WG

Is on Monday 7th September in Copenhagen. An invitation and agenda will be sent on Monday next week.

The BS RAC conference: Baltic Sea fisheries: Lessons Learned and Future Perspectives has been announced and invitations sent out. We will update the website with anything new. See here:

http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1374&kind=4&pageId=1106

Commission news and meetings

The Commission's seminar on the state of fish stocks

This took place in Brussels on 23rd June. Henrik Khyle of FishSec has written a short report. See here: <http://www.fishsec.org/article.asp?CategoryID=1&ContextID=419>.

Cormorants

From Maria Jesús Monroy of DG Mare, secretariat for ACFA
ACFA has recently approved an Opinion on Cormorants. See here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/week31/ACFAGreat%20Cormorant.pdf>

STECF review of scientific advice for 2010

DG Mare have informed us that the reports are available.

The final STECF-Plenary report from the 13th-17th July meeting is 127 pages

https://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=1807&folderId=290692&name=DLFE-25901.pdf

In this report see Section 5.10 Atlantic Waters and bordering Seas - Baltic Sea fishing effort management scheme: possible derogation for flatfish fishery, And section 5.11: Atlantic Waters and bordering Seas - Development of a multiannual salmon management plan in the Baltic Sea.

The final STECF stock review part I report is 168 pages (the Baltic Sea is not included)

https://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/c/document_library/get_file?p_l_id=1807&folderId=193797&name=DLFE-25902.pdf

All reports are on the STECF website here:

https://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/docs?p_p_id=20&p_p_lifecycle=0&p_p_state=maximized&p_p_mode=view&p_p_col_id=column-1&p_p_col_count=2&tabs1=recent-documents

Commission seminar on the Reform of the Common Organisation of the Markets
Presenters of related topics wanted

From Isabelle Viallon, DG Mare to the RACs.

In view of the reform of the Common Organisation of the Market, the Commission will organise several seminars. The first one, to be organised at the end of November or early December 2009, will deal with price formation for fresh and processed seafood. This seminar aims at gathering operators from the industry (from first sale to retail, including wholesalers, processors and distributors) and consumers in order to discuss and share viewpoints on the issue of costs and prices along the supply chain. During the seminar some operators, consultants and researchers from different countries will present their experiences, testimonies and analyses on this topic in order to initiate a debate among the participants.

These presentations could be for instance focused on:

- the way first sales are organised in different ports, with the pros and cons of auctions versus contracts or direct sales;
- the role of wholesalers, the costs they have to bear and the added value they give to the products;
- the consequences at the first sale level of the trends in consumption towards more and more processed products and a limited number of species;
- the increasing costs of transport and logistics (dispersion of landing and selling points, lack of consolidation, specific hygienic constraints for seafood, fuel price increase);
- the distribution approaches in order to limit at the retail level the price fluctuations which exist at the first sale level;
- the specificities of farmed products in terms of marketing and price formation;
- case studies of price formation in the seafood processing industry (canning, smoking, freezing, ready meals);
- the existence or not of price premium for products with a sign of quality, including ecolabels.

In order to prepare the meeting, DG Mare are looking for speakers who could present relevant experiences / studies. Interested persons are invited to contact Philippe PAQUOTTE (philippe.paquotte@ec.europa.eu) before mid-September.

EUROPEAN MARITIME DAY 20TH MAY 2010: IDEAS WANTED

From DG Mare: We are glad to inform you that the European Commission, in partnership with the Government of Spain and the Government of the Principality of Asturias, is organising the third edition of European Maritime Day (**20 May 2010**). Please find enclosed the invitations to the European Maritime Day 2010. In 2010 the **European Maritime Day Stakeholder conference** will take place in **Gijón**, on the Atlantic Coast of Spain, on 19-21 May. All **interested parties are invited to contribute to this event** that is part of the **official calendar** of the **upcoming Spanish Presidency of the European Union**. The main theme of the conference is "Innovation", an inspiring principle of the Spanish Presidency. We will thus be able to look at how we foster innovation in policy making for competitiveness, environmental protection, better working conditions and employment as well as for excellence in science and research in the maritime sectors. Like in 2009, stakeholders can organise events, being an integral part of the programme, at the European Maritime Day Stakeholder conference in Gijón, from 19 to 21 May 2010. The conference will be held at the magnificent City of Culture Laboral (<http://www.laboralciudadde lacultura.com/es>) which, together with the adjacent cultural centre, offers generous space for extended indoor and outdoor exhibitions as well as various sizes of workshops and meetings.

You can also organise events across Europe at Member State, regional and local level around May 20. The choice of the subject related to the seas and coasts is up to you, and the event may have any form, such as conferences, workshops, debates, exhibitions, study or press visits highlighting maritime projects and activities, open days at ports, harbours, museums and aquaria, environmental actions, university or school projects. The European Commission can help publicise these events.

In order to draw up the programme of the conference well in advance we invite you to send **your ideas and proposals** using the reply forms duly completed and returning them to the address Mare-European-Maritime-Day@ec.europa.eu no later than **30 September 2009**.

We also invite you to consult the dedicated European Maritime Day website:

<http://ec.europa.eu/maritimeday> .

If you have any questions, please send us an email to Mare-European-Maritime-Day@ec.europa.eu .

Reform of the CFP

From DG Mare we have received information leaflets in all BS RAC languages on the reform of the CFP: a small publicity leaflet, the green paper and a background folder to the CFP wit leaflets and information on diverse aspects of the CFP. We will endeavour to bring these to you at coming meetings in Copenhagen.

Other news and meetings

From Européche and Cogeca are their initial observations of fishermen-shipowners represented at European level to the Commission's Communication on Fishing possibilities for 2010. See here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/week31/EuropêcheandCogeca.pdf>

DEFRA (Department for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK)

From the NS RAC, click on the link below to see a new publication on Defra's marine research programme www.defra.gov.uk/marine/pdf/science/marine-research.pdf

You can read the review which led to the new structure for the marine research programme at:

www.defra.gov.uk/marine/pdf/science/research-review.pdf

If you want a printed copy of the publication, please email Juanita.Liddell@defra.gsi.gov.uk

ICES

Annual Report 2008

From ICES we have received their annual report for 2008 - a booklet and CD Rom

Young fishermen to the ICES annual conference in Berlin in September.

Ten candidates have been selected. From the BS RAC the successful candidate is Jaakko Ahtonen, Finland. He carries out gillnet fishing of pike-perch, has a vocational qualification in fishery from 1996 and currently following a fishermen's master-prentice programme. He was nominated by Vesa Kartunen, Federation of Finnish Fisheries.

Nord Stream

Nigel Griffiths (European Anglers Alliance) has informed us that after his return from the BS RAC ExCom meeting in Gdynia in May, he was contacted by a Swedish news agency who wanted permission to publish his thoughts regarding the Baltic pipeline project. Since then, a large local paper has done an article, and others by other Swedish newspapers are apparently due to follow. The interview (and photos) is here (sorry, Swedish only): <http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/week31/Nord%20Stream%20articles.pdf>

Fisheries Management

From Ásmundur Guðjonsson, Senior Adviser at the Nordic Council of Ministers we have been sent the invitation to the conference: "Efficient Fisheries Management" on 27th and 28th August 2009 in Reykjavík. The conference is the main activity under the fisheries cooperation under the Icelandic chairmanship of the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2009. Programme and registration here: <http://ioes.hi.is/conference/home.html>

A conference on regional fisheries management

From Markus Knigge Research Director, European Marine Programme the Pew Environment Group www.pewenvironment.eu and Jessica C. Landman Team Leader CFP Reform Initiative WWF European Policy Office.

On Tuesday September 29th in Brussels, WWF and Ocean2012, with the support of the Committee on the Regions, are holding a conference: "Regional Fisheries Management, Making It Work for Fisheries and the Environment." The conference will explore many of the issues surrounding regionalisation and how it could be applied to the future EU Common Fisheries Policy (CFP) including international, European and local examples of innovative and successful regional fisheries management. The final discussion will focus on the lessons learned from the perspective of the different regions in the EU.

Information on the conference here:

http://www.ocean2012.eu/channel/view_resource/id/10207

Please register to the conference by e-mailing your contact details to Claire Rousot at crousot@pewtrusts.org.

Registration will be on a first come, first served basis.

A conference on a sustainable Common Fishery and Aquaculture Policy reform



**The regions on board for a sustainable Common Fishery and Aquaculture Policy reform
Tuesday 29 September 2009 from 14:00 to 18:30 European Parliament, Brussels**

Brittany, Pays de la Loire, Poitou-Charentes, Aquitaine and Lower Normandy – five French major maritime regions – invite you to a debate on the future of fisheries and aquaculture in Europe. Altogether, they represent 7% of the volume of fish production in Europe and 60% of French production. They are also leader in European aquaculture, specifically shellfish farming.

Alongside with the consultation of the European Commission on the Common Fisheries Policy via the Green Paper, the regions aim at presenting their positions and debating on what is mainly at stake for fisheries and aquaculture sectors. The event will be organised around three topics: resource management, governance and markets.

As well as political representatives from these French regions, the main producing European regions, European organisations in fishery and aquaculture and European Institutions will also take part in the three round tables. For the final agenda of the conference contact: France.Guldix@brplpc.org

The latest newsletter from Fish Sec can be read here:

<http://www.fishsec.org>

The Marine Centre in Simrishamn, Sweden

From Madeleine Lundin, Project coordinator at the Marine Centre in Simrishamn, we have their latest newsletter. Sorry, most of it is in Swedish.

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/week31/SimrishamnNewsletter2.pdf>

There are also programmes and invitations to coming arrangements and meetings. If you want to sign up for news, contact: madeleine.lundin@simrishamn.se

Find out more here: www.simrishamn.se

How the BS RAC is getting on: in Spanish

Reine Johansson, chair of the BS RAC, recently gave an interview to the Spanish fisheries monthly magazine Industrias Pesqueras. All RAC chairs have been invited to give an interview to the magazine. Contact the secretariat if you want a copy.

Jobs in work related to identifying ecologically and biologically significant areas in the open ocean and seabed beyond national jurisdiction based on scientific criteria adopted by the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in May 2008.

There are job opportunities IUCN High Seas Initiative (the International Union for Conservation of Nature) is Switzerland for a project officer and a project coordinator. See here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/week31/IUCN%20Jobs.pdf>