

## Week 32

### BSRAC news and meetings

#### The BS RAC resolution on cormorants

The BS RAC has received a letter from Director-General Karl Falkenberg, DG Environment. This is a reply to the BS RAC resolution of 23.06.09 on cormorants.

Both documents are on our website here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/mod\\_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1372&kind=11&pageId=1084](http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1372&kind=11&pageId=1084)

Mr Falkenberg mentions in his letter that the Commission is taking steps to prepare guidance on the use of Article 9 of the Birds Directive – Article 9 describes the derogation system that is laid down on how to deal with the impact of cormorants on fisheries, fauna and flora.

In connection with that, DG Mare has informed us of a set of terms of reference which DG Environment has drawn up for a guidance document on the derogations under article 9.

To read about this, follow the link here:

[http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/wild\\_birds/library?l=/cormorants&vm=detailed&sb=Title](http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/wild_birds/library?l=/cormorants&vm=detailed&sb=Title)

The link takes you to a website where you can be informed of expert meetings held on cormorants and where you can access the Terms of reference.

The terms of reference are here:

[http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/wild\\_birds/library?l=/cormorants/cormorant\\_tors\\_ppdoc/EN\\_1.0\\_&a=d](http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/env/wild_birds/library?l=/cormorants/cormorant_tors_ppdoc/EN_1.0_&a=d)

#### The BS RAC Focus Group on the reform on the CFP

We will let you know as soon as possible of the new dates for this. We hope to hold a meeting in mid October.

#### The next BS RAC Pelagic WG

We await output from the Commission on the consultation process on the long-term management of all pelagic species in the Baltic. So the plan is to hold a two-day meeting later on during the year, once the consultation document is available. This is expected to be late November/early December.

So the Pelagic WG on 7<sup>th</sup> September will not be held. Outstanding from our ExCom on 26<sup>th</sup> June is the final part for the pelagic stocks: a BS RAC recommendation for herring in Subdivisions 22-24. The Secretariat will send a draft proposal to BS RAC members as soon as possible in a written procedure and invite comments.

#### The BS RAC conference: Baltic Sea fisheries: Lessons Learned and Future Perspectives

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

#### New membership of the BS RAC

The Association of Fishmeal and Fishoil Manufacturers in Denmark has applied for membership of the BS RAC. We've informed member states and the Commission and no objection has been made. The organisation represents all fishmeal and fish oil manufactures in Denmark. Their interest in joining is because of commercial interests in the Baltic Sea from the fishery of Baltic sprat. We will write to all our members to inform them officially.

### Commission news and meetings

#### Final workshop on Maritime Spatial Planning 2<sup>nd</sup> October

An invitation from DG Mare. The aim is to conclude the debate on the practical implementation of key principles - a conference and workshop on Maritime spatial planning. The workshop will aim to discuss the challenges and practical application of the key principles:

- Stakeholder participation
- Cross-border cooperation

The invitation and programme are here:

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

Two members per organisation can attend.

We have informed that Peter Breckling of the Union of German Cutter Fishery will represent the BS RAC at this meeting.

Note that the deadline for registering is **15<sup>th</sup> September**.

#### From the Community Fisheries Control Agency

We have received a copy of their provisional work programme for 2010. This was addressed to our Chairman Reine. According to the work programme, the major areas of priority for 2010 are:

- Coordination of Member States control scheme of IUU activities
- Joint Deployment Plan (JDP) for control, inspection and surveillance of blue fin tuna fishing activities in the Mediterranean and the Eastern Atlantic
- JOP for control, inspection and surveillance of cod fishery in the Baltic Sea

A section in the document is devoted to the cod fisheries in the Baltic Sea

The CFCA invites comments to this document by 10<sup>th</sup> September.

If BS RAC members are interested in seeing this and commenting on it, please contact the secretariat.

## Other news and meetings

### Conference by Seas at Risk

Seas at Risk invites to a one day conference on capacity reduction and fleet restructuring, which will take place in Brussels on 21st October 2009. "Towards sustainable European fisheries: The double challenge of restructuring and reducing the fishing fleet" See here:

[http://www.seas-at-risk.org/n2\\_more.php?page=224&KT\\_back=-1](http://www.seas-at-risk.org/n2_more.php?page=224&KT_back=-1)

### More Maritime Spatial Planning

From Fanny Douvère, Consultant, Marine Spatial Management Initiative, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC), UNESCO. They have recently published a new guide: "Marine spatial planning: A step-by-step approach toward ecosystem-based management."

See here:

<http://www.unesco-ioc-marinesp.be/uploads/documentenbank/d87c0c421da4593fd93bbee1898e1d51.pdf>

### Information from: AgroFood Planet: to promote agricultural and food products

This was created as a basic idea to provide unique service for promoting of Agricultural and Food products Worldwide, together with processing equipment, agricultural machines and other related products.

We have been following general thought, which is - all other B2B portals are more or less swapped with different types of products (electronic, technical, computer parts, etc.), and elementary products like food are in the shadow of all the others.

You will agree that fundamental commodity trading always had its basic grounds in agricultural and food related trading, and these are the products we want to promote.

Special attention we want to point on SAFE trade, and therefore we are providing all the necessary information to all our users regarding international rules and regulations, specially to the ones not so experienced in international trade, to avoid possible unpleasant situations, to which they might be exposed.

We have created only two membership levels for our users, "**Free member**" - specially designed for the buyers, since they are the most important assets of all producers and traders.

Other level of membership is "Verified member", mentioned only for the sellers, and with one simple reason - to prevent unserious and potentially harmful "Sellers" from creating unfair competition among all those real and reputable companies.

That means, "**Free member**" as an seller does not have opportunity to post the products and selling leads endlessly, like on all other B2B portals, and therefore competition among the sellers is much more healthy, and brings to the front real offers and suppliers, and not "Mandates", "Brokers", etc .

From all that reasons, our "**Verified member**" status is to be participated with only USD 199.- per year, but that is not all - all potential paid users are obligated to send to us verification document: Copy of company registration, in order to make sure that company is existing, only purpose is to make identification. Without these document provided, no user will be granted with "**Verified member**" status, regardless to the fact that they made the payment.

By all this, we just want to create clean environment for business, and to provide our service differently from all the others. Our team will strive to improve our service in years to come, and we shall always be opened to any suggestion from all our users and visitors. Contact:

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