

Dear members and observers:

### **BSRAC news and meetings**

#### **General Assembly 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010: looking forward to the challenges of CFP reform**

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A report from the meeting is underway.

But in brief, it was a very successful meeting. Both the BS RAC chair (Reine J. Johansson) and the Honorary chair (Steve Karnicki) highlighted that the BS RAC and its members had to make most of all opportunities to put across viewpoints and positions with respect to the CFP reform process. Both 2009 and 2010 were difficult and challenging years. In 2009 the Green Paper on CFP reform had been released. In 2010 discussions had begun on concrete details. Reine Johansson hoped that through the workshops and meetings that were planned during 2010, a vision would emerge of how the revised CFP will be. So it was important that the BS RAC made a lot of comments. The importance of strengthening links with the European Parliament was emphasised. Steve Karnicki explained that in 2009 work had focused on a long-term plan for salmon; the non-paper for pelagics had been put on the table; and the problem of discards had been highlighted. Discussion of the latter would continue in 2010, and it was important that the BS RAC was present. Moreover, with respect to selectivity, bigger mesh sizes had been introduced in 2009, and the industry had had to adapt to that. There had been discussion on how to deal with this, and a lot of practical issues would emerge this year. The role of the BS RAC was essential and important. Darius Niemius, Fisheries Director from the Lithuanian administration, gave the welcoming address and underlined the importance of fisheries in the Baltic Sea, as well as co-operation in the region, and stressed the positive contribution of the Regional Advisory Councils in the implementation of the CFP. Poul Degnbol, Head of Advisory Programme, ICES, gave the keynote address: "Ecosystem approach and how it fits in with MSY." In fact the presentation started with MSY and an explanation of its background and contents, followed by the ecosystem approach and the implications of the Marine Framework Strategy with respect to fisheries management. Steve Karnicki concluded by saying that how and in how many steps MSY will be reached by 2015 will in the end be a political decision. The AGM also dealt with the annual business of approving the accounts and budget, as well as the annual report for 2009 and the work programme for the BS RAC year just begun. We thank our colleagues from the Lithuanian fisheries administration for hosting the meeting and for arranging a visit to the auction at Klaipeda. Thanks also go to Espersen for arranging a visit to their fish processing plant. As Reine Johansson pointed out, such visits give us a good sense of place, of what's happening in the region, and puts our work in context.

#### **Executive Committee 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

Again, a report from the meeting is underway.

The Executive Committee approved unanimously the nomination of Ewa Milewska as vice-chair for another year. Ewa also underlined that the BS RAC was going through a unique moment with CFP reform, and it was important to seize the opportunity and make the most of this. The ExCom members approved the accounts and budget, as well as the annual report for 2009 and the work programme for the BS RAC year just begun. Mats Abrahamsson, WWF, Programme Director of the Baltic Ecoregion Program" gave a presentation on Long Term Management Plan principles and overview of the programme "Baltic Ecoregion Program." Sharunas Toliushis, from the Lithuanian Fisheries Service, gave a presentation on Lithuania research into BACOMA and T90 using 120 mm mesh size. This presentation was appreciated as a contribution towards the on-going work on selectivity in the cod fishery. Mats Amundin from Kolmårdens Wildlife Park in Sweden gave a presentation of the project SAMBAH, the aim of which is to get better knowledge of the harbour porpoise in the Baltic. He asked for the cooperation from with the fisheries organisations in order to carry out the project, in particular with placing about 300 porpoise detectors in the project area out at sea.

The draft recommendations on a multi-annual plan for pelagic stocks were discussed at the ExCom, but not adopted, as some members still had some reservations with parts of the text. So it was agreed to continue the dialogue amongst the BS RAC until the deadline. The deadline for submission to the Commission is 25<sup>th</sup> May.

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Find presentations from the ExCom here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/mod\\_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1419&kind=4&pagelid=1106](http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1419&kind=4&pagelid=1106)

**Joint working groups on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Arlanda airport, Stockholm**

See the invitation and very draft programme here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/mod\\_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1468&kind=4&pagelid=1081](http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1468&kind=4&pagelid=1081)

**Executive Committee 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010, Hamburg**

Documents will be posted here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/mod\\_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1469&kind=4&pagelid=1081](http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1469&kind=4&pagelid=1081)

**Commission and EP news and meetings**

**All the presentations made in La Coruna at the conference on CFP Reform are here:**

<http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/reform/>

**The Commission's Communication on Fishing opportunities for 2011 has been available from 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010**

The press release is here:

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/10/574&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>

In it, Commissioner, Mrs Damanakis, makes a fairly tough statement:

"I want to be clear that the quota levels set must respect all the European Union's commitments to sustainability, our commitments to nearby States, and the commitments we have made under the long-term plans"

The actual Communication is here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/Diverse/com\\_2010\\_241\\_en.pdf](http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/Diverse/com_2010_241_en.pdf)

Please contact the Secretariat if you want it in Polish.

**Policy Day on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July, entitled "Fisheries Policy Reform in the European Union."**

The European Commission is organising this in Le Corum in Montpellier, France.

The event is organised in conjunction with the biennial conference of the International Institute for Fisheries Economics and Trade (IIFET).

The Policy Day will concern two main themes: the reform of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy and Fisheries Management in the Mediterranean and Black Sea. The main format will be a combination of presentations by the Commission followed by expert input from both within and outside the EU. There will be simultaneous interpretation in French and English throughout the day.

You can register on [policyday@teamwork.fr](mailto:policyday@teamwork.fr) by 11<sup>th</sup> June 2010, using the registration form attached. The maximum capacity of the event is 250 people, and confirmation will be on a first come first serve basis.

See more here:

<http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/External%20events/Policy%20Day%20Invitation%20-%2017%20July%202010.htm>

More information on the main IIFET conference, 13-16<sup>th</sup> July, can be found here:

<http://www.colloque.ird.fr/iifet-2010/>.

Further information on the ongoing policy reform can be found on the DG Mare website here:

[http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/reform/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/reform/index_en.htm).

**European Parliament Hearing on Conservation and Management of the fishery resources of the fleet in view of the reform of the CFP'**

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The EPP Group is organising a Public Hearing on 'Conservation and Management of the fishery resources of the fleet in view of the reform of the CFP' which will take place on 9 June 2010 at 15h in the premises of the European Parliament in Brussels. (Room ASP 3E2 - located on the third floor of the ASP building). On behalf of Ms Carmen FRAGA ESTÉVEZ, Chairwoman of the Fisheries Committee and Mr Marian-Jean MARINESCU, EPP Group Vice-Chairman, it gives us great pleasure to invite you to attend this event. The programme of the hearing is here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/weeks19-20/Programme-EPPHearing-Conservation%20and%20Management%20in%20the%20Future%20Reform%20of%20the%20CFP%20\(2\).doc](http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/weeks19-20/Programme-EPPHearing-Conservation%20and%20Management%20in%20the%20Future%20Reform%20of%20the%20CFP%20(2).doc)

Confirm your attendance at the latest by 1st June 2010. [EPP-FisheriesHearing@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:EPP-FisheriesHearing@europarl.europa.eu)

For any practical questions contact Ms Marisol Iglesias (tel. +32-2-284. 28 11), [EPP-FisheriesHearing@europarl.europa.eu](mailto:EPP-FisheriesHearing@europarl.europa.eu) or Mr. Mauro Belardinelli (tel. + 32-2-287. 27 41 )

#### **Other news and meetings**

#### **Update on the Baltic 2020 conference on the topic**

#### **What do we gain by establishing a non-discarding fishery in the Baltic?**

May 27, 2010, Copenhagen, The programme is here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/mod\\_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1463&kind=4&pagelid=1227](http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1463&kind=4&pagelid=1227)

#### **Baltfish, Stockholm 7<sup>th</sup>+8<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

This meeting is hosted and arranged by the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture. It will bring together administrators, stakeholders, and scientists. It takes forward the work set up at the first meeting in Helsinki at the beginning of the year, and anchored in the Baltic Sea Strategy. The programme is here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/mod\\_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1462&kind=4&pagelid=1227](http://www.bsrac.org/mod_inc/?p=itemModule&id=1462&kind=4&pagelid=1227)

Reine Johansson, Ewa Milewska and Sally Clink will take part.

#### **Monthly Management Report from Eurofish April 2010**

<http://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=7d70f17c7740ec2e5c0bca188&id=15c8eabbe6&e=f9971c0f91>

And then look forward to the next EUROFISH magazine. It will include a review of the European Seafood Exposition, country features on Latvia, and Italy as well as articles on probiotics that can eliminate viruses, the next piece in the series on Norwegian farmed cod, the technique of defrosting, fish processing machinery, the trade in dogfish, and the use of additives in aquaculture feeds, among other issues.

#### **From VASAB: Stakeholder meeting 8<sup>th</sup> June, Kaunas**

VASAB expert and stakeholder meeting is traditional annual event focusing on important topics that have spatial consequences for the whole Baltic Sea Region. This year VASAB will focus on demographic tendencies and labor market development, how they impact spatial development of urban and rural areas of our Region. The expert and stakeholder meeting will take place **on 8 June 2010 in Kaunas**. The meeting is organized back to back with Baltic 21 Lighthouse project NEW BRIDGES workshop. More detailed information will follow soon. See: [www.vasab.org](http://www.vasab.org)

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**The latest issue of Nord Stream's FACTS newsletter is here**

[http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/weeks19-20/Nord%20Stream%20FACTS%20Issue%202013\\_eng.pdf](http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/weeks19-20/Nord%20Stream%20FACTS%20Issue%202013_eng.pdf)

Issue 13 covers a variety of topics, including:

- A look back at Nord Stream's start of construction event held on April 9 at Portovaya Bay, Russia. Many senior EU and Russian officials attended this inaugural event.
- Installation of the first of Nord Stream's two natural gas pipelines began in Swedish waters with the Castoro Sei laybarge. An infographic provides details about the vessel and the eight steps of the pipe-laying process.
- Munitions clearance in Sweden is complete. Clearance work in Finnish waters is underway and is expected to be finished in early summer.

**"Nord Stream: FACTS"** – Nord Stream's regular print publications about the natural gas pipeline through the Baltic Sea. To subscribe or unsubscribe to "Nord Stream: FACTS", please visit:

[www.nord-stream.com/press0/news-newsletter/press-mailing-list.html](http://www.nord-stream.com/press0/news-newsletter/press-mailing-list.html)

**DTU Aqua will hold a seafood symposium on 18th June 2010 – half in English and half in Danish**

This symposium is arranged in honour of Jette Nielsen and her almost 40 years of work with research and development in the Danish fisheries industry. Since 1<sup>st</sup> May this year, Jette Nielsen has been attached to DTU Food, the National Food Institute as emeritus.

The programme is here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/External%20events/Invitation%20til%20Seafood%20symposium%2018-06-2010%20\(opdat.\).pdf](http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Dokumenter/External%20events/Invitation%20til%20Seafood%20symposium%2018-06-2010%20(opdat.).pdf)

**Heard of the Øresund Food Network?**

Have a look at their newsletter here, if you're interested in food – research, development, products, networking across the Sound etc: See here:

[http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/weeks19-20/oeresundfoodnetworknewsletter696524\[1\].pdf](http://www.bsrac.org/archive/Newsletter/weeks19-20/oeresundfoodnetworknewsletter696524[1].pdf)

**MARITIME MARKET - Promotion in Russia**

We would like to inform you that 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 excellent opportunity to promote your company on the Russian shipbuilding market. The deadline for the placing of advertisements is 21.05.2010.

This issue will be distributed at SMM in Hamburg, Germany

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