



Copenhagen, 8th July 2009

Subject: Conference on "Baltic Sea Fisheries: Lessons Learned and Future Perspectives"

Dear all with an involvement in or an interest in the Baltic fisheries,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the BS RAC Conference on Baltic Sea Fisheries, which is being held jointly by the Swedish Ministry of Agriculture, the BS RAC and the European Economic and Social Committee. It will be held from 1st- 2nd October 2009 at the Grand Hotel Saltsjöbaden on the outskirts of Stockholm. A programme is attached.

The Baltic Sea is one of the main themes for the Swedish Presidency. The aim of this conference is to highlight the Baltic and the BS RAC and to give focus to the environment of the Baltic. A key issue for the Baltic Sea fisheries at this time is the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy, and discussions are already well underway. This conference also aims to contribute to the debate.

The idea of holding this conference has been welcomed by EU fisheries ministers and the European Commission. Commissioner Joe Borg has accepted the invitation to attend. The Swedish Ministry of Agriculture and the European Economic and Social Committee are helping towards the costs of this event. There will be interpreting to and from some of the Baltic languages.

We have invited a distinguished list of speakers who will address topics covering management, science, fisheries control and the environment. Steve Karnicki, of the Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia, will be the moderator.

Please confirm your attendance at the conference to the BSRAC Secretariat **no later than 16th September 2009** to: ai@bsrac.org

Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Grand Hotel Saltsjöbaden, where the conference will take place. The price for a room is 1.695 SEK incl. breakfast (120 rooms are available at this price). If you need a room at the hotel, please contact the hotel direct at: +46 8 50617000, or by e-mail: info@grandsaltsjobaden.se and give the booking code: **226 212 - no later than 16th September 2009.**

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please contact Sally Clink, Secretary of the Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (e-mail: sc@bsrac.org tel: (+45) 33 93 50 00).

(The BS RAC Secretariat will be able to reimburse travel expenses (economy class) for 1 night for 1 person from each member organisation of the BS RAC).

Kind regards,



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