



## The fifth Annual Report of the Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (BSRAC) May 2011



Photos from BSRAC Technical Workshop on bycatch management and reduction of discards  
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### **INTRODUCTION**

The Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council (BS RAC) has now been running since 16<sup>th</sup> March 2006, in accordance with a Council decision to create the Regional Advisory Councils in the fisheries sector (Council Decision 2004/585/EC).

The main aim of the BS RAC is to prepare and provide advice on the management of Baltic Sea fisheries, so as to contribute to the successful running of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy.

This annual report goes through the activities of the BS RAC's fifth year from 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010 -15<sup>th</sup> March 2011. It was approved by the General Assembly at its meeting in Riga on 6<sup>th</sup> May 2011.

Full reports and minutes from all the BS RAC activities, as well as the recommendations, conclusions and other outputs, are on the pages of the BS RAC website: [www.bsrac.org](http://www.bsrac.org)

### **ACCOUNT OF BSRAC's ACTIVITIES UNDER ITS PRIORITY AREAS OF WORK**

#### **The main activities of the BS RAC during 2010 – 2011**

According to the agreed BS RAC work programme for 2010-2011 there were the following priorities:

- **A recommendation on the long-term management of pelagic species.**
- **Multi-annual plan for cod: an evaluation**
- **Improved selectivity in the cod fishery**
- **Follow up on the BS RAC recommendation on a salmon management plan for the Baltic**
- **Short-term fisheries management (TACs and quotas for Baltic Sea fish stocks for 2010)**

## What did the BSRAC do to make progress on these priorities?

- **A recommendation on the long-term management of pelagic species**

Back in June 2008, the Baltic Sea RAC gave its first opinion on the contents of a multi-annual plan for the pelagic fish stock species in the Baltic Sea. This opinion has remained the basis for BS RAC views on the future pelagic multi-annual management plan. On 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 the European Commission sent a non-paper on a long-term management plan for pelagic stocks in the Baltic, and with this started a public consultation period. At the Pelagic Working Group on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010, BSRAC members went through the Commission's non-paper, and discussed the questions put in the non-paper. It was agreed by the working group that the secretariat and the chair would prepare a draft document for distribution among the members of the working group for comments. A draft text was presented to the ExCom on 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010 in Klaipeda. The draft was discussed, and there was agreement not to adopt the document at the ExCom, but to continue dialogue amongst BS RAC members by means of a written procedure. A unanimous BSRAC response was sent to the Commission and member states on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2011. A reply was received from the Commission on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2011.

No more work has been done in connection with a LTMP for pelagic species. The Pelagic working group did not meet again during the year: it still awaits a proposal for a long-term management plan from the Commission. At the ExCom meeting in Hamburg on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011, the Director for the Baltic Carla Montesi explained the legal issues which have been delaying the launching of proposals on LTMPs – not only for pelagic species. She informed the ExCom of the constitutional conflict between the European Parliament and the Council over LTMPs, which basically boils down to inclusion of harvest control rules in the LTMPs. The Council claims that harvest control rules are *de facto* TACs and quotas, over which they have unilateral decision. The Parliament, on the other hand, argues that it is a matter for co-decision. Until this is resolved, she informed, the proposals on LTMPs are blocked.

- **Multi-annual plan for cod: an evaluation**

**This priority area encompasses a number of issues and they have been enlarged on below:**

**The multi-annual cod plan for the Baltic**

At the Demersal working group on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010 in Copenhagen, members took note of the timing of the process for evaluating the multi-annual plan for Baltic cod: the work was programmed to start later in the year. The working group had a general discussion on the long-term plan, its current working and practical implications for the Baltic cod fishery. No decision was taken to start formulating a BSRAC response, but to await an invitation from the Commission to take part in this process. An invitation was sent to the BSRAC on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2010 with a request to the BSRAC to provide advice on the performance of the Baltic cod stock management plan. No meeting was arranged to address this directly.

However, BSRAC representatives took part in the STECF working group on LTMPs in Vigo, on 18<sup>th</sup>–22<sup>nd</sup> October 2010. At the BSRAC ExCom meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Carla Montesi informed that the work on a revision of the cod plan would get underway during 2011. The STECF meeting was followed up by an ICES/STECF working group meeting on LTMPs from 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> March in Copenhagen, and the BSRAC took part. At the time of writing this annual report, a report from this process is being finalised, and work will continue at a further STECF-ICES working group in June in Hamburg. It will be reported on at the forthcoming BSRAC Demersal working group on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011 under the new BSRAC year.

### **Effort management (in the Baltic cod fishery)**

The BSRAC has repeatedly pointed out in its advice difficulties experienced by certain fleet segments due to the days at sea regime under the cod management plan. On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011, the Commission hosted a Workshop on effort management, to which member states, scientists and stakeholders from the BSRAC were invited and participated. Some member states provided examples difficulties encountered by the effort regime and put forward some proposals for change. The workshop considered options for the review of the effort regime under the Baltic Sea cod long-term management plan. No conclusions were drawn from the meeting. Options were reviewed for the short-term, and points for consideration by STECF in connection with the cod plan were discussed.

### **Improved selectivity in the cod fishery**

The BS RAC participated in a DG Mare hosted technical working group on discards on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010 by means of a video-conference. This was followed up by a DG Mare hosted technical working group to eradicate discards in the Baltic Sea fisheries on 19<sup>th</sup>–21<sup>st</sup> May 2010 in Brussels, also attended by BSRAC members. This process brought together administrators, scientists and stakeholders. To further discussions in advance of the May meeting, the BS RAC produced and sent to DG Mare, a working document commenting on specific issues relating to the technical measures in the cod fishery.

### **The BSRAC project on selectivity**

Work on selectivity continued where the BSRAC off at the end of the previous year, during which the BSRAC had formulated a project for selectivity “PROSELECOD” in the cod fishery and sent it to DG Mare on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2009. In its response, DG Mare welcomed the initiative and invited BSRAC representatives to Brussels to discuss it further. A meeting with DG Mare took place back in September 2009.

However, by the start of the new BSRAC year on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2010, no progress had been made in identifying funding for starting such a project. The project was referred to at the above-mentioned technical working group to eradicate discards, where it was agreed that there was a need for future research, and as such the BSRAC project on selectivity in the Baltic cod fishery could be a platform for the necessary research. It was pointed out that it was important for the BSRAC to develop the objectives of this project further. Ideally, the project should start as soon as possible. Still no progress was made.

DG Mare invited the BSRAC to send more precise specifications concerning the proposed BSRAC project on selectivity in the cod fishery. It did this by letter on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2010. No EU funding was immediately available for the project. The BSRAC was informed that the EU would launch a tendering process for a project on minimising discards, entitled “Collaboration between the scientific community and the fishing sector to minimize discards in Baltic cod fisheries.” The tender was made public on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2010 and according to the tendering specifications, research institutes were eligible to apply. Whilst the BSRAC was not eligible to apply for the tender, it was recommended in the tender that the relevant RAC is consulted by the contractor for the preparation and/or the implementation of the study. At the close of the BSRAC year the tender had not yet been awarded.

### **From a BSRAC project on selectivity to a BSRAC workshop on selectivity and discards**

The BSRAC ExCom chair, the Honorary chair, the chair of the Demersal WG and a representative from the Danish scientific institute DTU Aqua met on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010 to take stock of the BSRAC proposed project on selectivity in the cod fishery, as well as the forthcoming work on the evaluation of the cod management plan. There were no outputs from this meeting, but it was agreed to discuss the issue further. At the BSRAC ExCom meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010, support was given to a proposal for the BSRAC to hold a workshop to deal specifically with selectivity and discards in the cod fishery.

On 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010 a BSRAC discards planning meeting was held by representatives from the fisheries sector and the environmental groups in order to prepare the BSRAC technical workshop on bycatch management and the reduction of discards and to draw up a set of terms of reference for the workshop. The ExCom meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 took note of the terms of reference for the workshop and its planning.

### **Discards on the EU agenda: a draft paper from DG Mare**

More or less parallel with the planning of a BSRAC technical workshop on discards, DG Mare presented a draft paper on discards at a meeting of Baltfish in Helsinki on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010. This was discussed at the BSRAC ExCom meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011 in Hamburg. A draft response was subsequently formulated for the ExCom to consider and adopt in a written procedure. The response was sent to DG Mare on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011. In its reply to the BSRAC, DG Mare welcomed the BSRAC’s contribution to the work on discards. It highlighted the concerns that the BSRAC had expressed to the effectiveness of effort management in addressing discards. DG Mare is currently in the process of reviewing the different contributions received to its draft paper on discards.

### **BSRAC technical workshop on bycatch management and the reduction of discards 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Simrishamn**

The workshop was attended by 56 participants from the countries of the Baltic Sea region. A broad number of stakeholders, scientists, fisheries managers and net makers took part. The basic aim of the workshop was to brainstorm on the need to reduce cod discards through technical improvements to the trawl gear and to come up with some

recommendations. It consisted of a series of presentations made by scientists, net makers and fishermen, followed by questions and answers and discussions between the participants and the presenters, after which the participants agreed on a set of recommendations. In the recommendations, it was acknowledged that in 2013 the introduction of a discard ban in the Baltic was likely, the meeting encouraged further investigation into the development of fishing gear and recognised that any future development of the fishing gear should, in particular, focus on: improved selectivity, ensuring high catchability, reduced fuel consumption, ensuring the high quality of the fish and reduce the environmental impact. The recommendations were adopted by the meeting and made available, together with an administrative report, soon after the meeting and sent to all participants at the workshop.

- **Follow up on the BS RAC recommendation on a salmon management plan for the Baltic**

On salmon, there has been no action during the year. No working groups have been held, due partly to the absence of a proposal for a LTMP for salmon.

- **Short-term fisheries management (TACs and quotas for Baltic Sea fish stocks for 2010)**

To deal with annual stock assessment process, the BSRAC held a joint Demersal, Salmon and Pelagic working group on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> June 2010 in Stockholm. ICES representative Carl O'Brien presented the 2010 assessments and advice for all Baltic stocks (except western Baltic herring, which came later). He also made an informal presentation of the assessment for Western Baltic spring spawning herring, but did not present it as final advice from ICES. A DG Mare representative gave a representation of the Commission's Communication on fishing opportunities for 2011. Draft recommendations for the salmon fishery were discussed and adopted at the meeting. Draft recommendations for the demersal and pelagic stocks (except western Baltic herring) were produced after the meeting, and adopted by means of a written procedure. A consolidated set of recommendations was sent to DG Mare on 30<sup>th</sup> June. The recommendations were not unanimous, and the minority statements were recorded in the recommendations. However, the BSRAC reiterated in one voice its concerns about the timing of the process: the BSRAC regretted the extremely short time it had been given to consider the advice on the Baltic stocks: the ICES advice had been published on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2010, and the deadline for the BSRAC to come with an opinion was 30<sup>th</sup> June 2010.

#### **To deal with the pelagic advice for Areas 22-24**

The BSRAC held a Baltic Fishermen's Meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010 in Copenhagen with fisheries representatives from the BSRAC and a representative from the Pelagic RAC. The discussion focused on the 2010 ICES assessment and advice for western Baltic spring spawning herring. It was agreed by the meeting to write to the Commission to present various options for TAC and quota allocations. The environmental NGOs were consulted,

and their recommendations were included in the letter, which was sent to DG Mare on 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010.

DG Mare gave its response to the BSRAC's comments and recommendations on 13<sup>th</sup> August. It appreciated that the different opinions were clearly reflected in the recommendations. It also acknowledged the BSRAC's difficulties in providing input in such a short time and would ask ICES to explore the possibility of giving advice on the western Baltic herring along with the rest of the Baltic stocks, but could not see any possibility for delaying the decision-making process on Baltic TACs and quotas until a later Council meeting.

## **ACCOUNT OF THE BSRAC MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR**

To deal with the above business, and other subjects, the following meetings were held, and short summary is given of each meeting below:

- **Demersal WG 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Copenhagen (Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries)**

The Demersal working group was given a presentation by an ICES affiliated scientist of the status of the cod fishery in the Baltic in connection with a forthcoming ICES assessment working group to formulate the 2010 advice and assessments for cod. The WG members gave a report of their observations in the cod fishery in the Baltic. There was a discussion of the effects of the implementation of the 120 mm BACOMA window, and of the proposed revision of the technical regulations for the Baltic - to amend the BACOMA and T90 gear. The WG took note of the planned timing for the evaluation of the multi-annual cod plan for the Baltic and the involvement of the BSRAC in this evaluation process. Lastly, the WG took note of a planned ICES/HELCOM workshop on flatfish, which the BSRAC had been invited to take part in.

- **Pelagic WG 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Copenhagen (Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries)**

The Pelagic WG took note of the outcome of the joint Pelagic RAC - BS RAC meeting on western Baltic herring, held on 9th March 2010. It then proceeded to go through the Commission's non-paper on a long-term management plan for pelagic stocks in the Baltic, and there was a discussion of the questions from the Commission. It was agreed by the working group that the secretariat and the chair would prepare a draft document for distribution among the members of the working group for comments. This document would then form the basis of draft recommendations by the BSRAC on a multi-annual plan for pelagic stocks.

- **General Assembly 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Klaipeda (Amberton Hotel)**

The BS RAC General Assembly approved the draft annual report and the draft annual accounts for 2009 – 2010, subject to approval by the ExCom. It approved the proposed work programme and draft estimated budget for 2010 – 2011, subject to approval by ExCom. It approved the continuation of the current auditor as certified auditor for the 2010 - 2011 accounts. It agreed to hold the Executive Committee meeting next year in advance of the General Assembly, in order to facilitate procedures for adoption of BS RAC documents. Poul Degnbol, Head of Advisory Programme, ICES, was the invited keynote speaker: he gave a presentation of the ecosystem approach and how it fits in with MSY. This generated discussion and questions and answers. There were also reports from the BS RAC chairmen of the activities by the three working groups during the BS RAC year 2009 – 2010.

- **Executive Committee 12<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Klaipeda (Amberton Hotel)**

The BSRAC ExCom approved the draft annual report and the draft annual accounts for 2009 – 2010, as well as the proposed work programme and draft estimated budget for 2010 –2011. The continuation of Ewa Milewska as BS RAC vice-chair for a further year was endorsed unanimously by the ExCom. A WWF representative gave a presentation on long-term management plan principles and an overview of the WWF programme "Baltic Eco region Program." There was a report by Lithuania on research into BACOMA and T90 using 120 mm mesh size. A representative from Sweden presented the SAMBAH project: Static Acoustic Monitoring of the Baltic Sea Harbour Porpoise and invited input from the fisheries sector. The BS RAC demersal WG chair gave an update on the recent meeting of the demersal WG. Similarly, the pelagic WG chair presented the outcome of the recently held WG to formulate draft recommendations on a multi-annual management plan for pelagic stocks. There was a discussion on the way to proceed with the draft recommendations, and it was agreed by the ExCom not to adopt the document, but to continue dialogue amongst BS RAC members until the deadline to the Commission and thereby use a written procedure.

- **Joint WG (Demersal, Pelagic and Salmon/sea trout) 8<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Stockholm (Hotel Arlandia, Stockholm airport)**

The Joint Demersal, Salmon and Pelagic WG took note of presentations by an ICES representative of the 2010 assessments and advice for all Baltic stocks (except western Baltic herring), and of a presentation by a DG Mare representative of the Commission's Communication on fishing opportunities for 2011. Draft recommendations for the salmon fishery were discussed and adopted at the meeting. Draft recommendations for the demersal and pelagic stocks were produced after the meeting and adopted by a written procedure. There was an update on developments concerning the evaluation of the multi-annual plan for cod in the Baltic and a discussion on the planned ICES/HELCOM workshops on flatfish and eel. A representative from the Swedish Board of Fisheries gave a presentation of a flagship project to ensure sustainable salmon fishing in the Baltic Sea Region.

- **Baltic Fishermen's meeting (under the Pelagic WG) 5<sup>th</sup> July 2010, Copenhagen (BSRAC offices)**

BSRAC industry representatives, as well as a representative from the Pelagic RAC, met to discuss the 2010 ICES assessment and advice for western Baltic spring spawning herring. It was agreed by the meeting to write to the Commission to present various options for TAC and quota allocations. The environmental NGOs were subsequently consulted, and their recommendations were included in the letter to DG Mare.

- **A small focus meeting on cod: selectivity and the LTMP for cod 27<sup>th</sup> September 2010, Copenhagen (BSRAC offices)**

The BSRAC ExCom chair, Honorary chair, the chair of the Demersal WG and a representative from the Danish scientific institute DTU Aqua met to discuss the BSRAC project on selectivity in the cod fishery and to discuss the forthcoming work on the evaluation of the cod management plan. There were no outputs from this meeting, but it was agreed to discuss the issue further at the forthcoming ExCom.

- **Executive Committee 4<sup>th</sup> October 2010, Copenhagen (The Danish Food Agency)**

The ExCom took note of a presentation on Natura 2000 by a representative from DG Environment, as well as a presentation on the planning of a fixed link over the Femern belt. The ExCom supported a proposal for the BSRAC to hold a workshop on selectivity in the cod fishery and confirmed the participation by BSRAC members in a planned STECF meeting to evaluate the long-term management plan for cod, as well as forthcoming ICCES/HELCOM meetings on flatfish and eel. The ExCom agreed to set up a group to respond to a Commission consultation paper on an EU Action plan for Reducing Incidental Catches of seabirds.

- **Discards planning meeting 16<sup>th</sup> December 2010, Copenhagen (BSRAC offices)**

A discards planning meeting was held by representatives from the fisheries sector and the environmental groups in order to prepare the BSRAC technical workshop on bycatch management and the reduction of discards and to draw up a set of terms of reference for the workshop.

- **Executive Committee meeting 19<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Hamburg (Federal Maritime and Hydrographic Agency)**

The ExCom took note of presentations by DG Mare's Director for the Baltic, the Chief Executive of the Community Control Agency and the Executive Secretary of HELCOM.

The ExCom took note of the planning work for the BSRAC workshop on discards. It went through the Commission's draft on discards and a draft text was subsequently formulated for the ExCom to consider and adopt in written procedure.

- **Technical Workshop on bycatch management and reduction of discards 9<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Simrishamn (Hotel Svea)**

The BSRAC discards workshop consisted of a series of presentations made by scientists, net makers and fishermen, followed by questions and answers and discussions between the participants and the presenters. The meeting agreed on a set of recommendations from the workshop, and an administrative report was subsequently produced and added to these recommendations.

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### **Involvement of Commission, member states and the European Parliament at BSRAC meetings**

Commission (DG Mare and DG Environment) and member state representatives have attended every working group/ExCom or General Assembly during the year. The Lithuanian ministry was well represented at the General Assembly in Klaipeda and arranged a visit to the auction and port in Klaipeda. Members of the European Parliament have been informed of activities and meetings throughout the year, but have been unable to attend, except for representation from the cabinet of Isabelle Lövin at the October ExCom and the discards workshop.

## **BSRAC PARTICIPATION AT EXTERNAL MEETINGS**

### **External meetings where BSRAC members took part**

BS RAC has been represented at a large number of other fisheries related meetings, conferences, workshops etc. This kind of representation is increasing:

**Press meeting by Danish Minister for Agriculture and fisheries on the socio-economic importance of recreational fisheries, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010, Copenhagen**  
Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

**Commission Seminar on "Financial Policy in the Future Common Fisheries Policy," Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Brussels**  
Reine J. Johansson, (BS RAC chair)

**Commission Seminars in connection with Common Markets Organisation, 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Madrid**  
Jesper Kobberø (Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations), Alex Olsen (Federation of National Organisations of Importers and Exporters of Fish)

**General Assembly for Association of Danish Fishermen, 16<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Middelfart**  
Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

**Commission technical working group to look at selectivity in the cod fishery 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2010, Brussels (by video conference)**

Reine J. Johansson, (BS RAC chair), Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

**Commission Workshop for RAC Secretariats 26<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Brussels**

Jesper Kobberø (Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

**Meeting with Swedish ministry and NSRAC chair to discuss CFP Reform and RAC issues, 25<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> April 2010, Stockholm**

Reine J. Johansson, (BSRAC chair)

**Conference on the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy 2nd & 3rd May 2010, La Coruna**

Reine J. Johansson, (BS RAC chair) Ewa Milewska (BSRAC vice-chair) and Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association)

**Commission's technical working group to look at selectivity in the cod fishery 19<sup>th</sup> - 21st May 2010, Brussels**

Reine J. Johansson, (BS RAC chair), Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association) and Kim Kær Hansen (Danish Fishermen's Association).

**Baltic 2020 conference on: What do we gain by establishing a non-discarding fishery in the Baltic? 27<sup>th</sup> May 2010, Copenhagen**

Representing the BS RAC on the discussion panel was Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association).

Also attending from the BS RAC were Ryszard Malik (Association of Fishermen's of Sea-PO) and Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

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

Reine J. Johansson, (BS RAC chair), Ewa Milewska, (BSRAC vice-chair) and Sally Clink (BS RAC Secretariat)

**Meeting with Swedish Board of Fisheries 10<sup>th</sup> June 2010, Gothenburg**

Reine J Johansson (BSRAC chair)

**Commission workshop technical measures and discards 21<sup>st</sup> June 2010, Brussels**

Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association) and Krzysztof Stanuch (National Chamber of Fish Producers).



**BSRAC business 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2010, BS RAC offices, Copenhagen**  
Reine J Johansson (BSRAC chair)

**Seminar on the reform of the Common Market Policy, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2010, Brussels**  
Mart Undrest (Estonian Fishermen's Association)

**Annual General Meeting of the Swedish Fishermen's Federation 27<sup>th</sup> August 2010, Gothenburg**  
Sally Clink, (BSRAC Secretariat)

**Commission Seminar on Status of Stocks 14<sup>th</sup> September 2010, Brussels**  
Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), Magnus Eckeskog (Fisheries Secretariat), Sally Clink (BSRAC secretariat)

**EP Public hearing on the CFP 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2010, Brussels**  
Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

**Meeting with the Swedish ministry of Agriculture with the chairmen of the two RACs (BSRAC and NSRAC) to discuss CFP reform and the RACs, Stockholm 28<sup>th</sup> September 2010.**  
Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC Chair)

**Meetings on behalf of BSRAC with European Parliament + member state officials 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2010, Brussels**  
Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC Chair)

**Joint ACFA/RACs meeting on fishing opportunities for 2011, 11th October 2010 Brussels**  
Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), Jesper Kobberø, (Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations) and Henrik Kyhle (Fisheries Secretariat)

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual forum of the EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUBSR), Tallinn 14<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> October 2010**  
Mart Undrest (Estonian Fishermen's Association) and Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

**STECF working group on LTMPs, 18<sup>th</sup> –22nd October 2010, Vigo**  
Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair), Roar Schou (European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions) and Magnus Eckeskog (Fisheries Secretariat)

**Seas at Risk meeting on low impact fisheries 28<sup>th</sup> October 2010, Brussels**  
Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

**ICES/Helcom eel workshop 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Solna, Stockholm**  
Malin Lonroth, (Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations)

**ILVO symposium 9<sup>th</sup> -10<sup>th</sup> November 2010, Oostende, Belgium**  
Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

**HELCOM Fish/Env 16<sup>th</sup> November 2010, Helsinki**

Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

**Baltic Sea Strategy meeting Priority 9 and Baltfish, 16<sup>th</sup> November, Helsinki**

Vesa Karttunen (Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations) and Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

**ICES workshop on herring mixing 23<sup>rd</sup> -25<sup>th</sup> November 2010 Copenhagen**

Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair)

**Meetings with Danish government official and new NS RAC chair Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Copenhagen**

Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair)

**Meeting with the Swedish Board of Fisheries 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Gothenburg**

Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair)

**ICES/MIRAC annual meeting 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Copenhagen**

Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), and Sally Clink (BSRAC Secretariat)

**Nordic Council and SINTEF conference on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2011, Copenhagen**

Jesper Kobberø (Alliance of Social and Ecological Consumer Organizations)

**FACTS meeting Paris 9<sup>th</sup> February 2011, Paris**

Pehr Eriksson (Swedish Fishermen's Federation)

**Meeting of BSRAC, PELRAC and NSRAC with Commissioner Damanaki 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011, Brussels**

Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair), Ewa Milewska (Vice chair) and Sally Clink (Secretariat)

**Commission workshop on effort management 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2011**

Michael Andersen (Danish Fishermen's Association), Kim Kær Hansen (Danish Fishermen's Association), Lothar Fischer (German Cutter and Coastal Fishermen's Association), Magnus Eckeskog (Fisheries Secretariat), Reine (BSRAC chair), Sally Clink (Secretariat)

**RAC coordination meeting and meeting with Control Agency 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2011, Brussels**

Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair) and Niki Sporrang (Fisheries Secretariat)

**ICES/STECF meeting on LTMPs 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011, Copenhagen**

Michael Andersen (chair of BSRAC Demersal WG), Magnus Eckeskog (Fisheries Secretariat)



**The EU JAKFISH project, Final conference 8-9 March 2011, Brussels**  
Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair)

**Meeting with the environmental NGOs (members of the BSRAC) 15<sup>th</sup> March 2011, Stockholm**  
Reine J. Johansson (BSRAC chair)

## **LIST OF BSRAC MEMBERS**

### **Membership 2010 - 2011**

Right at the start of year 5, the Fishing Shipowners' Association, ceased to exist and remaining members moved over to Producers Organizations. So this organisation was removed from the list.

During 2010 –2011 there have been 37 fully paid up members.

### **Overview of members of the BS RAC 2010 – 2011**

#### **Fisheries Sector**

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