

**NSCMRG Meeting
Bergen 21/22 January 2008**

Present:

Anders Fasth - Chairman

Harry Jensen – European Spokesperson

Tom-Christer Nilsen – Energy & Climate Spokesperson

Joise Simpson – Maritime Policy Spokesperson

Lena Soderholm

Sally Spence

Ann Bell - Advisor

Henrik Jensen

Inge Doskeland

Day One

1. Chairman welcomed everyone and thanked Tom-Christer Nilsen for arranging for lunch.
2. Inge Doskeland gave a very good presentation on Coastal Development and planning with focus on aquaculture in Region of Hordaland. (Presentation attached annex 1). There was much debate after the Inge's presentation.
3. Report of the previous meeting was agreed. Matters arising would be dealt with under the agenda
4. Inshore Fisheries Network AB asked that VG Region and Shetland Island Council decide who was going to co-ordinate the Inshore Network as it really need to get started.
5. Mercury Issue, Tom-Christer Nilsen gave an update and it was agreed that we keep an eye on the situation.
6. IUU is an ongoing problem although; it appears to be slightly better. The Commission is aware of resolution, as is the European Parliament.
7. Closed Areas, Harry is to be invited to give a presentation at a hearing in the European Parliament in April. This hearing will cover not only fisheries.
8. Maritime Policy Projects Paper, prepared by Martin Brebner and paper from Anders Carlberg.
We discussed many ideas for Pilot projects in and around the North Sea, one of which was discards, however it was agreed that a letter would be prepared by Anders Carlberg, regarding the concerns of the NSC about discards, and the need to create a reference fleet which could collect and monitor data on discards and other stock assessment issues. This will be prepared for the NSC Ex Com in April.

It was also agreed:

- To further develop Inge Doskeland presentation into a possible project idea. (Maritime Spatial Planning and integrated coastal zone management)
- To look a possible project regarding Air pollution by ships.
- To work with the fishing, oil and gas sectors on (Action on marine based energy, infrastructure and resources and Action on developing the situation of fishermen at sea) preparing the development of the Fish Safe Project. A meeting is to be arranged with the EU Commission to bring this idea forward.
- To work with the Marine Institute in Bergen to develop a possible project regarding climate change.

Tom-Christer Nilsen had organised for us to have dinner at a restaurant, which is part of the Taste of the Coast project. All the food had to be sourced from Norway. The meal was excellent and a great idea.

Day Two

We attended a meeting at the Marine Research Institute in Bergen where we were privileged to have a presentation on Climate Effects on Marine Resources, by Svein Sundby. This was a most interesting presentation, which promoted an extensive debate, which could have gone on for most of the day. (Presentation attached Annex 2)

A second presentation, on Aquaculture in Warmer, Wetter and Wilder Weather, was given by Oivind Bergh this also was fascinating. (Presentation attached annex 3.)

Next meeting will take place in Hirtshals, Denmark on 19/20 May 2008, where the agenda will include:

- A presentation from the Danish Fishermen's Association
- Technical measures – discards
- Fish behaviour
- Aquaculture
- Maritime Policy

Meeting closed.