

NSRAC



Report to NSC General Assembly

2009-2010 Workplan

- **The Following are issues which NSRAC will consider in 2009-2010**
- Offshore Natura 2000 network
- Offshore windfarms
- Science – fisheries partnership
- Long term management plans – Nephrops, Demersal, Flatfish, monkfish-Saithe
- Cod Avoidance
- Control regulations
- Workshop which will include stakeholders, consumers and retailers.
- Technical measures & how to eliminate discards
- Review of CFP – with regard to NSRAC area
- Continue Inter-RAC co-operation, which could include a joint seminar.
- North Sea Fishers Survey
- Create an online information booklet highlighting the sustainability measures taken by the North Sea Industry through e.g. Science /Industry Partnership, Voluntary Real Time Closures etc.
- To have an eco-system approach to our work

North Sea Fishers Survey

Fishermen and scientists

agree on stocks

**Annual questionnaires on fisheries in the North
Sea, Skagerrak and Kattegat**

corresponds to the scientific knowledge

“ Henrik Sparholt – ICES”

NS STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE

- NSRAC participated in the Conference
- NSRAC fully supportive of the idea of NS Maritime Forum
- Dialogue is really important

Position and Advice Papers prepared and submitted during the past year

- Strategic Plan for the NSRAC; October 2009
- Annual Work Plan of the NSRAC: October 2009
- Position Paper on the 2009 fishery for cod in the North Sea and opportunities to reduce discards: October 2009
- Response to the Commission's proposal for a Council Regulation concerning the conservation of fisheries resources through technical measures: January 2009
- Response to the Commission's non-paper on specific technical measures for the North Sea: January 2009
- The Common Fisheries Policy After 2012: A paper prepared by the NSRAC for consideration by the Commission before the Green Paper is finalised: February 2009
- Advice of the NSRAC on the Commission's Non-Paper on Managing Fish Stocks without Catch Option Tables: March 2009

- Comments of the NSRAC on the proposed Control Regulation: March 2009
- NSRAC Initial Opinion on the Communication from The Commission to the Council And The European Parliament: The Review Of The Functioning Of The Regional Advisory
- NSRAC Internal Review, June 29th 2009, Facilitator's Report by Doug Wilson, Innovative Fisheries Management: June 2009
- Rapporteur's Report on the NSRAC Internal Review: June 2009
- First response to the Commission on proposals for self-management in the Green Paper on reform of the CFP: August 2009

- A Draft Long Term Management Plan for North Sea *Nephrops*: August 2009
- Further comments from the NSRAC on the proposals for reform of the Control Policy: August 2009
- Response from the NSRAC to the Communication from the Commission on Fishing Opportunities for 2010: August 2009
- In-year Review of the Cod Recovery Plan: August 2009
- 2009 Fishers' Survey: August 2009

NSRAC Internal Review

- The review had concluded that the NSRAC had had some important successes. Its political legitimacy was increasing.
- It was considered important to build stronger relationships with outside bodies.
- The outputs of the RAC needed to be marketed, and new routes developed for dissemination of information

NSRAC Internal Review

- Cooperation within the RAC was one of its strong points. The current composition was functioning.
- It was agreed in discussion that one of the problems was the lack of available resources. Work for the RAC was increasing and would increase still further. How could we deal with the increased load?

Changes within NSRAC

- New Chairman
- New Executive Secretary

NSRAC & NSC

- NSRAC is committed to continued close working with the NSC
- All information of meetings and reports on www.nsrac.org