

HELCOM BALTIC SEA ACTION PLAN STAKEHOLDER CONFERENCE 2009



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Regional Advisory
Council

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Potted history of the RACs

- The RACs were one of the pillars of the reform of the CFP in 2002
 - They were created by:
 - Council decision 2004/585/EC
 - And later by:
 - Council decision 2007/409/EC
 - To:
 - Provide advice to the Commission and Member States on the management of Baltic Sea fisheries
- In order to:
- Achieve a successful running of the EU's Common Fisheries Policy.

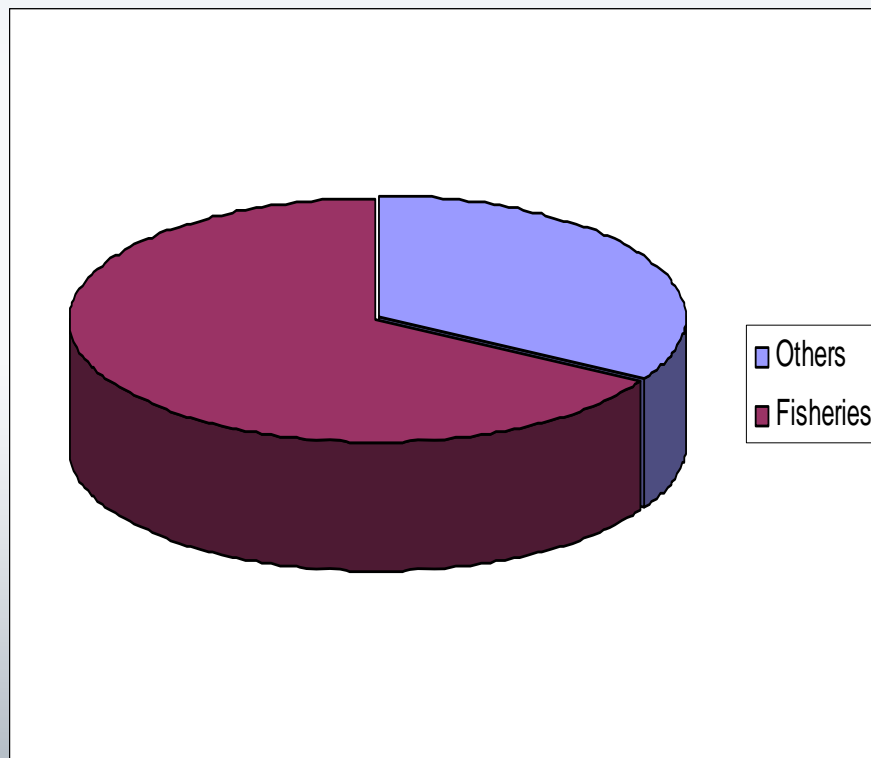


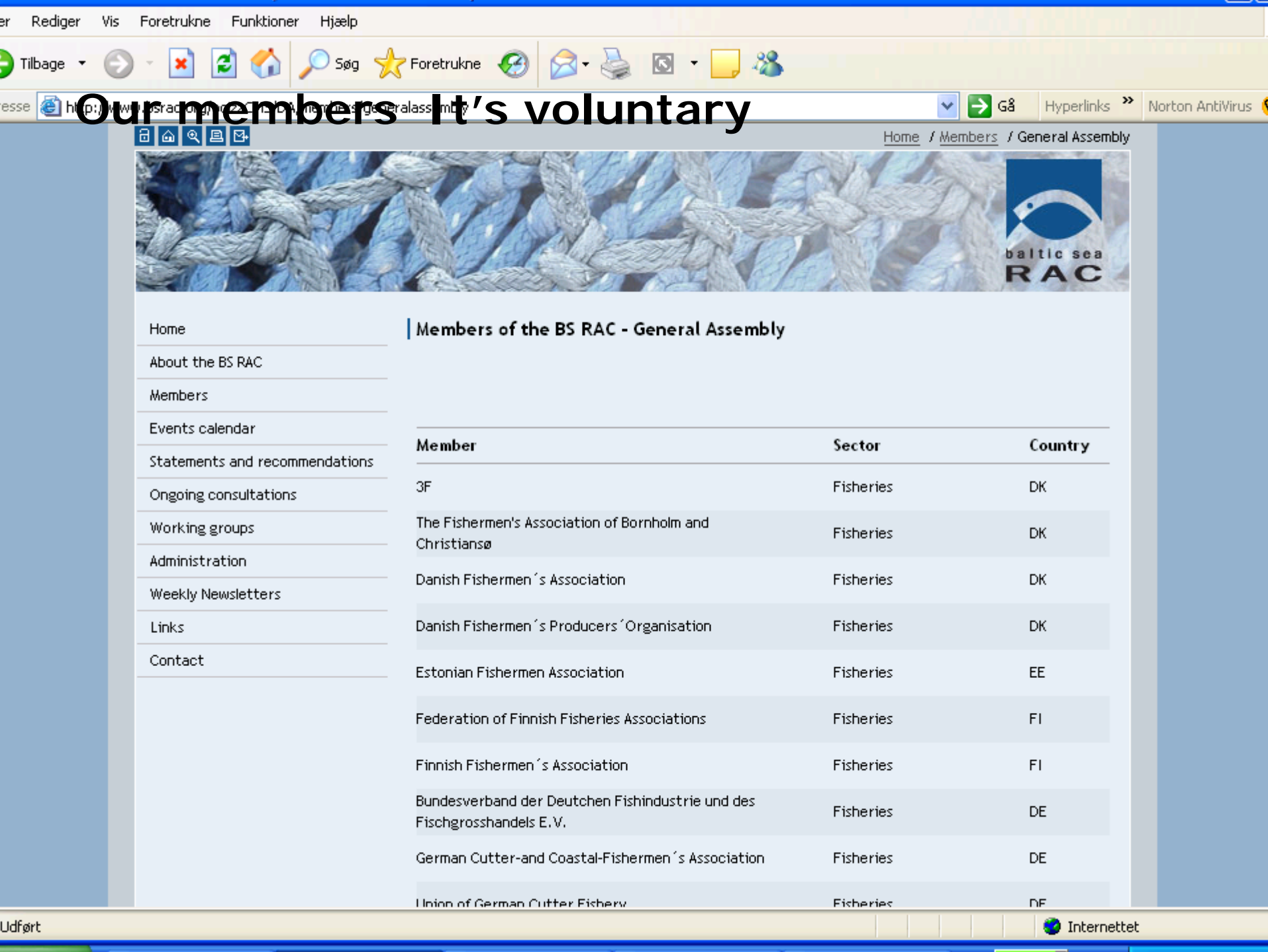
What are the goals of the BSRAC?

- To ensure an exploitation of living aquatic resources that provides sustainable economic, environmental and social conditions (2371/2002)
- To apply the precautionary approach
- To aim at a progressive implementation of an ecosystem-based approach
- To aim to contribute to efficient fishing activities
 - (economically viable fisheries and aquaculture,
 - a fair standard of living,
 - consumer interests)

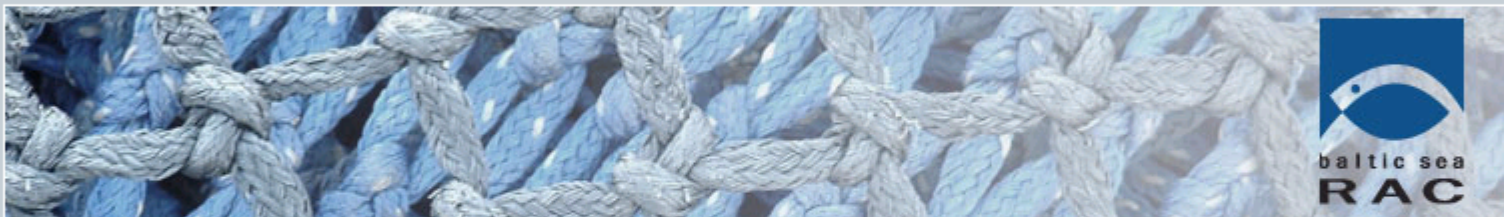
Who makes up the BS RAC?

- Representatives from the fishing sector and other interest groups affected by the Common Fisheries Policy.
- These include fisheries' associations, producer organisations, processors, market organisations, environmental NGOs, aquaculture producers, consumers, women's networks and recreational and sports fishermen.





Our members It's voluntary



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Members of the BS RAC - General Assembly

Member	Sector	Country
3F	Fisheries	DK
The Fishermen's Association of Bornholm and Christiansø	Fisheries	DK
Danish Fishermen´s Association	Fisheries	DK
Danish Fishermen´s Producers´Organisation	Fisheries	DK
Estonian Fishermen Association	Fisheries	EE
Federation of Finnish Fisheries Associations	Fisheries	FI
Finnish Fishermen´s Association	Fisheries	FI
Bundesverband der Deutschen Fishindustrie und des Fischgrosshandels E.V.	Fisheries	DE
German Cutter-and Coastal-Fishermen´s Association	Fisheries	DE
Union of German Cutter Fishery	Fisheries	DE

Nearly three years old!

Began on 16th March 2006

Have worked on:

- Long-term management of Baltic fish stocks (cod)
- Initiatives to reduce IUU fishing
- Recommendations on a salmon management plan
- Short and medium term fisheries management (TACs and quotas)
- Baltic fisheries research
- Maritime spatial planning

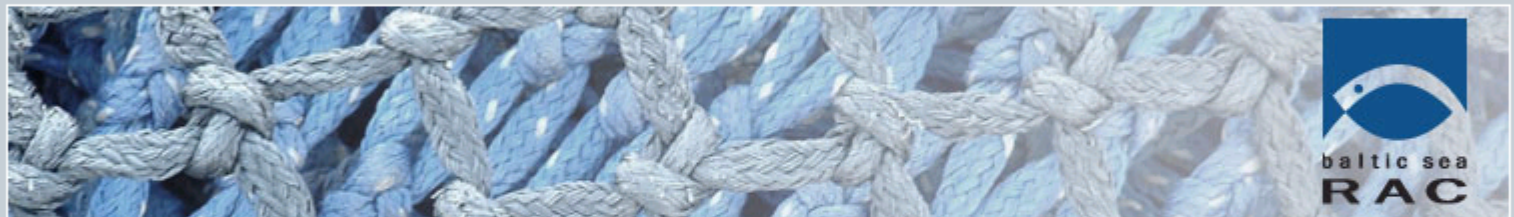


BS RAC Workshop on Spatial Planning Tallinn, February 2009



- International examples of good practice of MSP
- MSP as an instrument of integrated EU maritime policy
- Results of the HELCOM workshop
- Legal aspects of MSP
- Specific cases of MSP: windmills, Balance, shipping, Natura2000, Nord Stream
- Examples from Sweden and Poland
- Experience from NS RAC

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Statements and recommendations

This page contains statements and recommendations produced by the BS RAC.

In case recommendations are forwarded to the Commission and the Member states, the BS RAC must receive a precise reply from the Commission and the Member States concerned within a reasonable time period and within three months at the latest (Council Decision 2004/585/EC).

Statement / Recommendation:	Date:	Reply to the BS RAC:
BS RAC recommendation on the fisheries for Baltic Sea fish species 2009	040708	180908
BS RAC Comments to the Commissions consultation paper on discard	240608	290808
Recommendation on the long-term management of pelagic species in the Baltic Sea	240608	290708
BSRAC Comments on the Commission's consultation paper on control	090508	060608
8% Tolerance on logbook estimates	120308	160508
Statement on Compliance and the sustainability of the Baltic Cod fishery	061107	201207
Letter on unreported landings of Baltic cod	280907	301107
TACs for the Baltic Sea stocks in 2008	120707	140907
Communication on discard	310507	230707
Multi-annual plan for cod in the Baltic	300507	120707
Joint BSRAC-NSRAC letter on eel	300407	180607

BS RAC work programme for the coming year



- Long-term management of pelagic species
- Follow-up on our recommendation on salmon management plan
- Selectivity in cod
- Science: improved dialogue with the scientists
- BS RAC conference
- TACs and quotas
- Review of the Common Fisheries Policy
- Opinion on the Control Proposal
- Maritime spatial planning?

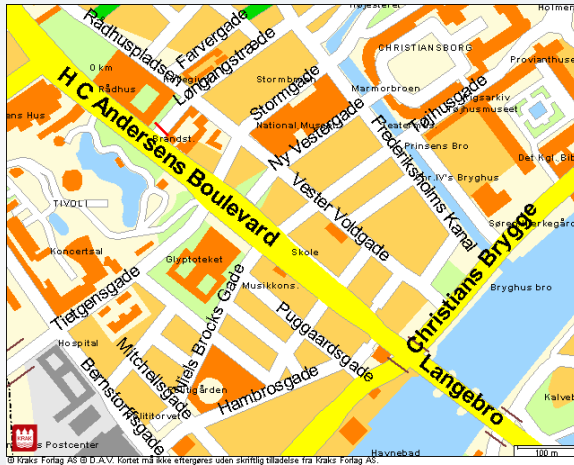
Working together



- Stakeholder involvement
- Cooperation with other organisations
 - Commission
 - Member states
 - ICES
 - HELCOM
 - VASAB
 -????

Improved
communication and
cooperation around the
Baltic

Thank you for your attention!



- Come and visit us!

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- Here is our website:

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