

Hello everyone.

Firstly a quick note to say that we've finally made some significant progress with the modelling aspect for the Nephrops LTMP. I hope to be able to distribute some initial results in the next month or so which then should act as a platform to generate the types of scenarios that the industry perceive as more realistic than our first guesses (i.e. fleet effort redistribution etc).

Secondly there is to be a final meeting for the Jakfish project on the 8th and 9th march in Brussels at which the various participants, including stakeholders, from the different case studies (Mediterranean Swordfish, Western Baltic Herring, Baltic Pelagics and North Sea Nephrops) will meet to discuss how the process of "participatory modelling" has gone. From discussion with the other scientists there has been considerably more progress and interaction in the other areas so it may be of use to learn what approaches other RACS have taken in terms of interaction and constructive dialogue with the science community. There may be the chance of some funding for meeting attendance (we aim to have this clarified in the next week or so).

Sorry for the late notice but there have been communication issues and I wasn't sure if the meeting was going ahead! There are some more details available at <https://www.surfgroepen.nl/sites/jakfish/news/Lists/Posts/Post.aspx?ID=5>
Please can you let me know if you're at all interested in attending – we're looking at potential attendance numbers to sort out whether the meeting is viable and how the available funding can be split.

Cheers

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