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The North Sea Regional Advisory Council (NSRAC)

WG Skagerrak and Kattegat (12th meeting)

Date: September 23, 2011 (09.00 – 12.00)

Location: Fiskernes Fiskeindustri, Oliekajen 15, Skagen, Denmark

Attendants list:

Chair Carl-Jesper Hermansen, Danish Fishermen's Association

Rapporteur Fredrik Lindberg, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Svend-Erik Andersen, Danish Fishermen's Association

Michael Andersen, Danish Fishermen's Association

Henrik Svenberg, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Peter Olsson, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Alf-Åke Börjesson, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Per-Olof Ivarsson, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Kent Sivertsson, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Roger Mattiasson, Swedish Fishermen's PO

Observers:

Tryggve Bjørnerem, Fiskerlaget Sør, Norway

Joakim Hjelm, Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management

1. Opening

The chair of the Skagerrak and Kattegat working group Carl-Jesper Hermansen declared the meeting opened and welcomed all participants. The chair noted with satisfaction that the notice of the meeting had been properly done from the secretariat.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted as follows from these minutes.

3. Minutes from meeting July 1, 2011

The minutes from the meeting in Copenhagen, date as above, were approved.

4. Cod

Michael Andersen presented a proposal for a letter, entitled "The truth about cod in Kattegat".

The working group discussed the proposal in detail and made some relevant remarks, *inter alia* as to:

- the legality of the closed areas in the Kattegat;
- the absence of inflow of cod from the Baltic Sea;
- the German fishing activities in the area;
- the farmers' winter fertilization of their fields;
- the industrial effects;
- the dredging and dumping of dredged material;
- the suitability of starting a project focusing on changes in water temperature; and
- the suitability of inserting relevant figures as to decreases in fishing effort.

The working group concluded that Michael Andersen shall rewrite the paper in line with the discussion held.

The working group concluded that the document in first hand shall be used as input to the evaluation of the closed areas soon to take place according to Joakim Hjelm upon question. As to the evaluation he stated that it is not yet decided what to be exactly evaluated, but that it will begin in 2012.

5. Plaice

The proposal for a management plan for plaice, based upon a HCR for the Skagerrak, was presented by Michael Andersen.

After a discussion it was decided to put forward the proposal, excluding the Kattegat, to ExCom for decision.

6. Nephrops

After discussion it was decided that Peter Olsson and Michael Andersen together shall produce a local fisheries plan for the Skagerrak and Kattegat to go forward with.

The result of their work shall be forwarded to ExCom.

7. Prawns

The working group discussed the probable conditions for the prawns fisheries 2012.

8. Natura 2000

The working group discussed the complexity of Natura 2000 from relevant aspects.

9. AORB

It was decided that the chair and rapporteur shall compile the group's work to present to the General Assembly taking place October 10.

The working group decided to have a meeting, either in connection with the next Demersal WG-meeting or in February 2012.

10. Closing

The chair Carl-Jesper Hermansen thanked the participants for the meeting and declared it closed.

Carl-Jesper Hermansen
Chair

Fredrik Lindberg
Rapporteur