

**MINUTES**

**The North Sea Regional Advisory Council (NSRAC)**

**WG Skagerrak and Kattegat (11<sup>th</sup> meeting)**

**Date: July 1, 2011**

**Location: H.C. Andersens Boulevard 37.1, Copenhagen, Denmark**

**Attendants list:**

Chair Carl-Jesper Hermansen, Danish Fishermen's Association

Rapporteur Fredrik Lindberg, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Peter Olsson, Swedish Fishermen's Federation

Svend-Erik Andersen, Danish Fishermen's Association

Jan Hansen, Danish Fishermen's Association

Michael Andersen, Danish Fishermen's Association

Kenn Skau Fischer, Danish Fishermen's Association

**Observer**

Bent Pallisgaard, Danish Directorate of Fisheries

**Invited guest**

Ole Eigaard, DTU Aqua

## **1. Opening**

The chair of the Skagerrak and Kattegat working group Carl-Jesper Hermansen declared the meeting opened and welcomed all participants.

As a result of a discussion of who should be invited to the working group meetings it was decided that the NSRAC-secretariat shall invite all members of the Executive Committee.

It was also discussed how to overcome the situation with no non-fisheries NGO-representation at the meetings. Efforts should be made to secure such representation at future WG-meetings.

It was noted that Trygve Bjørnerem from Norway was unable to attend the meeting.

## **2. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted as follows from these minutes.

## **3. Minutes from WG-meeting April 7, 2011**

The minutes from the meeting in Copenhagen April 7, 2011 were approved.

## **4. Cod and ICES's advice**

Michael Andersen presented in summary the relevant ICES's advice (Cod, North Sea [incl. Skagerrak] and Kattegat; Saithe; Haddock; Sole; and Nephrops).

The working group discussed the advice.

The letter about which decisions were made at the previous meeting have yet to be written because this is not done, *cf.* § 4 in the Minutes from the April meeting. Michael Andersen will produce such a letter as soon as possible.

The working group discussed the influencing factors that are relevant to the low appearances of cod in the Kattegat especially.

In particular the changes in bottom temperatures were discussed in this context; it was agreed that this fact shall be highlighted in the letter.

## 5. Plaice

Michael Andersen regretted the non-presence of Jonathan Broch Jacobsen at the meeting. Then he presented a draft proposal for a plaice management plan that was stated to be in line with the thoughts of Clara Ulrich, *cf.* § 5 in the Minutes from the April meeting.

The proposal was discussed, *i.a.* as to minimum landing size, market aspects and the pros and cons of including Norway in the process.

The working group agreed that Michael Andersen should continue the work started and views on the same should be forwarded to him.

## 6. Nephrops

Michael Andersen expressed that he had started working on texts for a draft nephrops management plan (Skagerrak and Kattegat).

The work done has its starting point in the draft for a plan adopted by the Demersal WG of the NSRAC. The working group concluded that the paper is missing real hard proposals as to managing the stock and that it is more to regard as a background paper in making a management plan.

The working group agreed on the opinion that the Skagerrak and the Kattegat shall remain one quota unit.

The group reaffirmed the opinion that the minimum landing size shall not be lowered in the Skagerrak and the Kattegat.

It was agreed that Michael Andersen will continue the work and when completed, he will discuss the text with Peter Olsson who shall consent before work can proceed.

Peter Olsson informed the group of ongoing projects on selectivity in the Swedish grid fisheries for nephrops.

## 7. Prawns

Ole Eigaard (DTU Aqua) gave a talk about the project “Sustainable prawn fisheries in the Skagerrak”. The presentation is attached to these Minutes (in danish).

The working group thanked Ole Eigaard for an interesting talk.

The group discussed the ongoing prawn fisheries.

### **8. Natura 2000**

The working group discussed the different ongoing and relevant Natura 2000-projects.

It was agreed to invite representatives from the competent authorities in Denmark and Sweden to the next meeting of the working group.

### **9. AORB**

Peter Olsson expressed the need to do what is possible to enhance the reputation of the NSRAC and the Skagerrak and Kattegat WG.

The group agreed to meet again in the beginning of September this year.

### **10. Closing**

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

Carl-Jesper Hermansen  
Chair

Fredrik Lindberg  
Rapporteur