



**Inter-RAC Conference**  
**“Decision-Making in the reform of the Common Fisheries Policy”**  
**Hosted By**  
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**Tuesday 3rd November 2009 – Scenarios and Options for Decision Making and Governance**

12.00 pm **Buffet Lunch**

1.10 pm **Welcome** - NSRAC Chairman Hugo Andersson

1.20 pm **Welcome & keynote address - Regionalisation – A Scottish Perspective** – Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Environment, Scotland.

1.40 pm **Commission opening remarks - Reversing the Burden of Proof in Fisheries Management**, Dr Poul Degnbol, Scientific Adviser to the European Commission, DG Mare

2.10 pm **"The role of the RACs in decision-making under the CFP: Legal Constraints and future possibilities"** Dr. Ronan Long – Marine Law & Ocean Policy Research Services

2.40 pm **Q & A**

2.50 pm **Participation of Stakeholders in Fisheries Management**, Guus Pastoor, President of the EU Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture & President of AIPCE

3.10 pm **Making Fisheries Management Work, Examples from Elsewhere**, Crispian Ashby, Programmes Manager of the Australian Government Fisheries Research and Development Corporation

3.30 pm **Afternoon Break**

3.50 pm **“Integration of the CFP into the wider Maritime Policy”** Haitze Siemers , DG MARE, Head of Unit for North Sea, Baltic Sea and Landlocked Member States

4.20 pm **Barriers to improved performance and management options** – Steve Cunningham, IDDR

4.50 pm **Discussion**, centered on a Panel, **Chaired** by Mike Neilson, Director, Marine Scotland.

5.30 pm Close of Session

7. 00 pm **Reception and Dinner in Edinburgh Castle** – Hosted by Richard Lochhead MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Rural Affairs and Environment, Scotland on behalf of Scottish Government



## **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009 - Defining a way forward for fisheries governance in Europe**

9.00 am **Chairman's Opening Remarks** - NWWRAC Sam Lambourne

9.15 am **Key note address Swedish Presidency** – Axel Wenblad, Director General, National Board of Fisheries

9.40 am **Conclusions from Baltic conference** - "Baltic Sea Fisheries: Lessons Learned and future Perspective" - Reine Johansson, Chair Baltic Sea RAC / Michael Andersen

10.00 am **NGO Responsibilities within a reformed CFP**, Euan Dunn, Birdlife International

10.15 am **Industry Responsibilities within a reformed CFP**, Dr Barrie Deas, National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations, UK.

10.30 am **Wider Environmental Perspective to Fisheries Management and the NEAFC model of regional cooperation** - Kjartan Hoydal, NEAFC

10.50 am **Panel Discussion centered on "Sustainable Fisheries"** - Chaired by Huw Irranca-Davies MP, UK Minister for Marine and Natural Environment

11.20 am **Break**

11.30 am **Breakout into 4 workshops** to discuss: (coffee will be available in workshops)

- 1. A Stronger Regional Dimension to the CFP**, Chairman - Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Minister for Marine and Natural Environment – Rapporteur - Pim Visser, President of the European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions
- 2. Managing Stakeholder Participation within the CFP**, Chairman Sean O'Donoghue, President of the European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO) – Rapporteur - Jan Willem Wijnstroom, European Anglers' Association
- 3. Models for Future CFP Decision Making including role of RACs** - Chairman Janick Moriceau, Rapporteur - Andrew Brown/David Brew Marine Scotland  
**15 min Presentation by Anne-Sophie Christensen, University of Aalborg**
- 4. Future Needs for Expert Advice**, Chairman Maureen Watt MSP, Scottish Parliament Chair Rural Affairs & Environment Committee, - rapporteur – Carlos Aldereguia, LDRAC  
**15 min Presentation by ICES - Henrik Sparholt**

1.00 pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm **Presentations from the Workshops & debate** – session Chair - Victor Badiola, Chair of SWWRAC

2.45pm **Democracy and the Role of the European Parliament within a reformed CFP** - Struan Stevenson MEP, Vice President, EU Parliament Fisheries Committee



3.15 pm **Concluding remarks** – DG MARE

3.30 pm **Rapporteur's Summary**

3.45 pm **Chairman's Concluding Remarks** – Gerard van Balsfoort, Pelagic RAC

4.00 pm Close of Conference