

Draft Agenda

MIRAC (Meeting between ICES and the RACs)

26 January, starts 14:00–27 January, ends 13:00 2010

Sea Fisheries Institute MIR, Gdynia

Co-Chairs: Mike Sissenwine and Reine J. Johansson

Tuesday afternoon

14:00-14:45

1. **Opening and welcome**
2. **Tour-de-table of participants**
3. **Adoption of agenda**
4. **ICES: Survey of ICES user satisfaction:** report from ICES on the responses received

14:45-15:30

5. **ICES Advisory Services 2009: Cooperation with RACs,** ICES: Participation at RAC meetings during 2009
6. **RAC: Review of Cooperation with ICES 2009.** RAC: feedback from the RACs and suggestions for change/improvement
7. **ICES: Benchmarking workshops:** feedback from the workshops in 2009 and information on the planned workshops for 2010 and 2011. Involvement of fishers' data/knowledge as input to advice: discussion and proposals on way forward: any progress in organising a RAC initiated workshop with the industry to clarify expectations on research? (*see point 3.2 from 2009 report*)

15:30-16:00 Coffee

16:00-17:30

8. **Plan for advice 2010**
 - a. ICES: Advisory Plan 2009 -2011 incl. timing of the advice: any update/change of requests? (*See 3.7 from 2009 report and discussion on shifting pelagic advice*)
 - b. RAC: Timing and future needs for expert advice
 - c. RACs and ICES cooperation to address data and science needs in preparation for 2010 advice on deep-sea fisheries

17:30-18:00

9. **New form of the ICES fisheries advice – MSY– Presentation and discussion**

Drinks

Wednesday Morning

9:00-10:00

10. MSC labelling - Presentation by invited representative from industry

Industry perspective on responsible fisheries management through labelling schemes: MSC labelling of cod fishery in the Baltic: progress made and its implications for rebuilding the burden of proof (here for example Klaus Nielsen/Alex Olsen of Espersen could give a presentation. This was an item on the programme of the conference organised by the BSRAC in Stockholm, October 2009)

10:00-11:00

11. Future needs for advice:

- ICES: user-friendly format of the advice.
- Quality of assessments and advice. Urgency of advice. The traffic light approach for the quality of assessments.
- How to involve stakeholders to a greater extent in the process

11:00-11:30 Coffee

11:30-12:30

12. Long-term management plans

- RAC(10 min): Development of management plans
- ICES (10 min): Principles for the evaluation of management plans in accordance with the Precautionary Approach

13. Access for RACs to ICES dynamic meeting schedule

12:30-12:45

14. Other issues

12:45-13:00: Chair's summary and Closure