

The North Sea Regional Advisory Council (NSRAC)

WG Skagerrak and Kattegat (2nd meeting)

Minutes

June 8-9 2006, Vilvorde KursusCenter, Charlottenlund, Denmark

Attending:

Svend Erik Andersen (chairman), Fredrik Lindberg (rapporteur), Niels Wichmann, Peter Olsson, Bengt-Olof Eliasson, Peter Hagberg and Kenneth Gustafsson

Attending observers:

Görgen Andersson (Co-management initiative for sustainable fisheries in Halland), Bent Pallisgaard (Danish Directorate of Fisheries), Jørgen Dalskov (Danish Institute for Fisheries Research), Steen Christensen (Danish Institute for Fisheries Research), Jonathan Broch Jacobsen (Copenhagen University), Joakim Hjelm (Swedish Institute of Marine Research), Katja Ringdahl (Swedish Institute of Marine Research), Johan Lövgren (Swedish Institute of Marine Research), Malin Karlsson (Swedish National Board of Fisheries) and Lars-Erik Palmén (Swedish National Board of Fisheries)

1. Opening and introduction

The meeting was opened by the chairman Svend Erik Andersen with introduction of members and observers.

2. Agenda

The WG adopted the agenda for the meeting as follows from these minutes.

3. Meeting in Bønnerup, May 8 2006

Niels Wichmann informed the WG of what was discussed between Danish fishermen on a meeting May 8 2006 on effort management for the Kattegat.

4. Presentation of revised draft proposal

Niels Wichmann presented a revised draft proposal for effort management scheme, Kattegat, for the WG.

The WG decided to review this proposal after the presentations from the Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, the Swedish Institute of Marine Research, the Danish Directorate of Fisheries and the Swedish National Board of Fisheries.

5. Danish Institute for Fisheries Research

Steen Christensen presented relevant Danish statistic information for the WG.

6. Swedish Institute of Marine Research

Joakim Hjelm presented, for the WG, relevant Swedish statistic information.

7. Control aspects – Danish Directorate of Fisheries

Bent Pallisgaard informed the WG on the Danish Directorate of Fisheries' viewpoints on control aspects in conjunction with the proposal.

He emphasised the fact that it is necessary to know all the details of a proposal before final viewpoints can be given.

8. Control aspects – Swedish National Board of Fisheries

Lars-Erik Palmén informed the WG on the Swedish National Board of Fisheries' viewpoints on control aspects in conjunction with the proposal.

Also he emphasised the fact that it is necessary to know all details of a proposal before final viewpoints can be given.

9. Discussion – new proposal

The WG discussed the proposal i.a. from the perspective of the information given the WG by the Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, the Swedish Institute of Marine Research, the Danish Directorate of Fisheries and the Swedish National Board of Fisheries.

After these extensive discussions the WG decided to adopt as its new proposal the one enclosed this minutes.

Niels Wichmann informed the WG that he had been in contact with the chair of the NSRAC, Hugo Andersson, who has said that the way to go forward is that the new and of the WG adopted proposal shall be sent directly to the European Commission, i.e. the proposal does not

need to be decided upon by the NSRAC ExCom. The ExCom will, however, on its meeting June 16 in Den Helder be fully informed on the proposal.

It was decided by the WG that the proposal except for the European Commission also shall be sent to the Commissioner Joe Borg personally, the Director General of DG Fish Jørgen Holmquist, Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

10. The Skagerrak

After discussions on the situation as to the Skagerrak, especially as to the cod stock situation, the WG decided to propose to the ExCom that it should consider if the cod stock of the Skagerrak should be evaluated separately or not.

11. Next meeting

The WG decided that the next meeting will be held when the WG has received reactions on the proposal from the Commission.

12. Closing

The chairman of the WG thanked the attendants - especially the people from the Danish Institute for Fisheries Research, the Swedish Institute of Marine Research, the Danish Directorate of Fisheries and the Swedish National Board of Fisheries - for the successful meeting and declared it closed.

Charlottenlund, June 9 2006

Svend Erik Andersen
Chairman

Fredrik Lindberg
Rapporteur