

Copenhagen, 18 April 2007

Subject: Demersal Working Group meeting 7 and 8 May 2007

The next Demersal WG meeting will be held 7-8 May 2007 in Gdynia at the Sea Fisheries Institute (MIR), Kallataja str. 1.

The meeting will start Monday 7 May at 12.00. The main subject of day 1 will be the multi-annual plan for cod in the Baltic. The first day discussion is expected to finish around 18.00. A sandwich will be served at the beginning of the meeting.

The WG meeting will proceed 8 May at 9.00 and finish no later than 18.00. In the morning of day 2 the WG will be invited to prepare a BS RAC recommendation on how to reduce IUU fishing activities and create a culture of compliance in the Baltic cod fishery (follow up on the conference 28-29 March).

In the afternoon of day 2 the working group will take part in a SAFMAMS workshop to discuss how the overall system for producing expert advice in support of the CFP can be improved. This discussion is not only relevant for members of the Demersal WG but also members of the Salmon/Sea trout WG and the Pelagic WG. In the evening of 8 May SAFMAMS will host a dinner for the meeting participants.

The agenda for the 2 days meeting is enclosed.

You are kindly requested to confirm your participation at the meeting and the SAFMAMS dinner to Annelise Iversen (ai@bsrac.org) from the BS RAC Secretariat **no later than Thursday 2nd May 2007**.

The Secretariat (with the assistance of the Sea Fisheries Institute in Gdynia) has reserved hotel rooms at a favourable price at Hotel GDYNIA, ul. Armii Krajowej 22. To book a hotel room, please contact the hotel (tel. +48 58 620 68 44, email: rez.gdynia@orbis.pl) **no later than 2nd May** and refer to booking code 4521. The price for a single room is 275 PLN + city tax.

Travel (economy class) and hotel cost will be reimbursed to members of the BS RAC (one from each member organisation). We will advise participants to book their flight well in advance of the meeting.

If you have any questions about the meeting, please contact the Demersal WG Chairman on email: ma@dkfisk.dk or tel.: +45 3336 6035 /mobil +45 4026 5040 – or the BS RAC Secretariat.

Kind regards,



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