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BS RAC Seminar on ecosystem based management (EBM)

25th – 26th September 2012

When preparing its work programme for the current year, the BS RAC agreed to arrange a seminar to deal with the main problems and drivers of the sea today, and what the ecosystem approach really means for fisheries as well as also for other marine uses. This topic was selected because of its relevance for the on-going multi-species work in the Baltic and because it takes up one of the BS RAC's statements of objectives: to aim at a progressive implementation of an ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management.

So we are very pleased to invite you to the BS RAC seminar on ecosystem based management. It will take place at the National Marine Fisheries Research Institute (MIR), Kallataja str. 1, in Gdynia.

The meeting will begin with some lunch at the Institute on Tuesday 25th September from about 12/13hrs. The meeting itself will start at 14 hrs and will finish no later than 13hrs on Wednesday 26th September. We are planning for a maximum of 50 participants at the seminar, including speakers.

A first draft programme is attached.

The aims of this workshop are:

1. To give a basic introduction to the ecosystem approach and the Baltic Sea ecosystem, the biodiversity of the Baltic and to take into account the current development of multi-species models in the Baltic.
2. To learn how this fits into the EU legislative framework and how ICES advice and assessment work is related to this.

An important focus for the seminar is to have discussions and panel debates on both days and the Secretariat is contacting participants willing to be on the panel. Question and answer sessions will be given lots of time.

Hotel rooms have been reserved at Hotel Gdynia in Gdynia – about 15/20 minutes from the Institute. The price per night for a single room is PLN 280,80 (incl. breakfast). To book a room,



please send an e-mail to rez.gdynia@orbis.pl and use booking code *Baltic Sea RAC*. Please book your room **no later than 14th September 2012.**

We hope to be able to invite all participants to dinner at the hotel Gdynia - more on this to follow.

The cost of travel (economy class) and hotel will be reimbursed to members of the BS RAC (one from each member organisation). We encourage you to book flights well in advance of the meeting, so we can limit costs. It should be possible to arrive in Gdansk during morning/early afternoon on 25th September and to leave in the evening on 26th September. If you are in any doubt, please contact the Secretariat before booking.

Please confirm your participation at the workshop to Annelise Iversen (ai@bsrac.org) **no later than 14th September 2012.**

If you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat.

Kind regards,



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