

**BSAC Executive Committee**  
**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November**  
**National Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Gdynia**  
**ul. Kołłątaja 1**  
**81-332 Gdynia, Poland**

**Meeting starts at: 9.00 hrs sharp and ends 16.00 hrs (at the latest)**

**Draft Agenda of the BSAC Workshop: 9.15-13.00**

**Selectivity in the demersal fishery: technical solutions to current problems?**

Experts have been invited to take part and contribute with experience and knowledge on selectivity in the trawl fishery and on technical measures.

This is an opportunity for scientists to come together and share their experience with the BSAC ExCom members and discuss possible solutions.

The workshop will conclude by repeating the conclusions and recommendations from the BSAC to give fishermen increased flexibility and better possibilities to modify the fishing gear used in demersal fisheries, whilst at the same time ensuring full accountability of what the fishermen catch<sup>1</sup>

**Daniel Stepputtis Thünen-Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries**

Cod (end) selectivity in the Baltic; News from fishing technology (in Germany) [20 mins, plus discussion]

**Jordan Feekings, DTU Aqua, National Institute of Aquatic Resources**

The importance in industry-led testing and how to ensure its success [15-20 mins plus similar time for discussion]

**Hans Nilsson, Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences, Department of Aquatic Resources**

Swedish cooperation between fishermen and scientists to improve selectivity in the Baltic cod trawl fishery, suggesting a new T90 codend design as follows:

- mesh size of the codend at least 115 mm,
- number of meshes in any circumference in the codend 80 meshes round, and .....

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.bsac.dk/BSAC-Resources/BSAC-Statements-and-recommendations/BSAC-recommendations-on-technical-measures-for-the-Baltic-Sea-Advisory-Council>

- length of the codend at least 9 m. [15-20 mins plus similar time for discussion]

**Waldemar Moderhak, formerly National Marine Fisheries Research Institute, Gdynia and Piotr Nowakowski, Maritime University of Szczecin**

Presentation of planned projects in Poland to deal with selectivity [10-15 minute presentation]

**Chris Zimmermann, Director Thünen-Institute of Baltic Sea Fisheries: plaice**

*Presentation of study plaice as choke species in the Baltic Sea under the landing obligation carried out for the European Parliament.<sup>2</sup> This study (from 2015) offered a number of solutions in the case where the demersal fishery is limited by plaice quotas and not by cod quotas. The lessons learned are applicable also to other situations. Selectivity is an important part of the solution, but there are also others ..... [Maybe wording will be amended]*

[15-20 mins plus similar time for discussion]

**The HELCOM questionnaire on alternative fishing gears or fishing techniques**

Invitation from HELCOM to the BSAC to comment on the HELCOM Questionnaire on alternative fishing gears or fishing techniques, to provide information on other tests of alternative fishing gears if available and to discuss if permanent cooperation between HELCOM FISH and BSAC on this issue can be established [Agreed by sub-group on ecosystem based management 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 to refer this to ExCom on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2017]

**Questions and answers and discussion**

**Conclusions**

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<sup>2</sup> [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/563399/IPOL\\_STU\(2015\)563399\\_EN.pdf](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/STUD/2015/563399/IPOL_STU(2015)563399_EN.pdf)

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