

**Agenda for the first meeting of the executive committee of the Pelagic RAC, which will be held in hotel Schiphol A4 in Hoofddorp (the Netherlands) at 10:00 on Tuesday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2005**

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1. Opening by the nominated chairman of the Pelagic RAC Mr. Iain MacSween
2. Appointment of the chairman of the Pelagic RAC
3. Approval of the agenda
4. Election of the organisation that will provide the secretariat of the Pelagic RAC
5. Creation of working groups
6. Work programme for the year 2005/2006
7. Other organizational matters (secretariat, working groups, applications for membership, plan to fill empty seats allotted to NGO's)  
(annex I and II)
8. Fuel crisis
9. Fishing possibilities 2006
10. Remaining business
11. Closing words (13:00 o'clock)

### Tasks and authorities of the secretariat (Annex I)

According to article 15 of the articles of association of the Pelagic RAC, the executive committee shall establish separate rules of procedure regarding the tasks and authorities of the secretariat not mentioned in article 15.

In order to fulfil this regulation according to the Dutch law of association, I propose that the executive committee approves that the secretariat shall, besides the tasks and authorities mentioned in article 15:

- \* maintain a register of members;
- \* set up and maintain a website for the Pelagic RAC;
- \* employ and pay any person to supervise, organise and carry out the work of the Pelagic RAC;
- \* engage and pay fees to scientists and consultants to assist in the work of the Pelagic RAC;
- \* bring together in conference and work in liaison with the representatives of other organizations, government departments of Member States and third countries, the Commission, and other statutory authorities and individuals including the Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture;
- \* attend with members of the executive committee the meetings of such organisations as are considered to be of interest of and compatible with the objects of the Pelagic RAC;
- \* arrange and provide for or join in arranging and providing for the holding of exhibitions, seminars and meetings;
- \* where appropriate pay expenses and make travel and accommodation arrangements if required;
- \* cause to be prepared and printed or otherwise reproduced and circulated, free of charge or for payment, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets or other documents, films, recorded tapes or other electronic media as shall further the objectives of the Pelagic RAC;
- \* purchase, take on lease, hire, or otherwise acquire any equipment or apparatus considered appropriate for the work of the Pelagic RAC;
- \* do all other such lawful things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of the objectives of the Pelagic RAC.

This is the exact text that has been previously approved from the Submission to the Member States and the Commission for the establishment of a Pelagic RAC.

Rob Banning

Applications for membership (Annex II)

According to article 11 of the articles of association of the Pelagic RAC, applications for membership of the general assembly shall be made in writing to the secretariat of the Pelagic RAC. The secretariat shall refer all applications to the executive committee, which shall take advice from Member States. The final decision on membership shall be decided by common agreement of the Member States concerned.

We have received the following applications:

Mr. Helge Korsager on behalf of the United Fish Products Ltd, Aberdeen, UK.

Mr. Bertie Armstrong in stead of Mr. Hamish Morrison on behalf of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation.

Mr. Konstantinos Kalamantis in stead of Ms Despina Symons on behalf of the European Bureau for Conservation & Development (EBCD)

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