

Bio-acoustics South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
(BA_SPRFMO)

12/5/11 Minutes of meeting held in Rejkavik Iceland.

Agenda:

1. Update of activities relevant to SPRFMO and CJM
2. Preparation of a draft work plan
3. Funding mechanisms
4. Plan for next SPRFMO meeting and FAST

Attendees:

Rudy Kloser (Australia Chair)
Gary Melvin (Canada)
Francois Gerlotto (France/EU)
Sascha Fässler (Nederlands/EU)
Richard O'Driscoll (New Zealand)
Héctor Peña (Norway/Chile)

Meeting Notes:

1. Update of Activities:

Francois Gerlotto presented at the ICES meeting the update of a pilot project analysing acoustic data from fishing vessels, inside Perú EEZ

Sascha Fässler updated on tests that were carried out on an EU vessel, fishing CJM in international waters in 2011.

R. O'Driscoll updated on a project to analyse acoustic data cross southern ocean transecting through CJM waters.

R. Kloser updated on the Australian IMOS BASOOP program that has vessels contributing from transects through the southern Pacific and CJM waters (see <http://imos.org.au/basoop.html>).

2. Preparation of a draft work plan

The meeting discussed the development of a draft work plan involving:

- a) Background information
 - a. Fishing vessels
 - b. Acoustic equipment
 - c. Willingness to participate
 - d. Data access and use agreements
 - e. Contact list of participating scientists
- b) Data plan
 - a. Historic data review

- b. Calibration of vessels
 - c. Data formats and collection requirements
 - d. Report to meeting May 2012
- c) Pilot program
- a. Select appropriate vessels (proposed one vessel by each country at this stage)
 - b. Trial collections in 2011-12
 - c. Report to meeting May 2012

Action Item: Rudy Kloser to coordinate a draft work plan by correspondence and present at the SPRFMO meeting in September 2011.

3. Possible funding mechanisms

The meeting discussed a range of possible funding mechanisms that would be required to ensure that any plan for data collection and analysis could be realised into the future. The main issues discussed focused on setting the right incentives and governance. It was felt that this was an important area to be raised at SPRFMO and obtain feedback on existing structures. In the immediate future funding for development of pilot programs needs to be sourced from National or specific Industry funding sources.

4. Plan for next SPRFMO meeting and FAST

- a. Rudy Kloser would attend the next meeting of SPRFMO in September to present the work plan.
- b. Francois Gerlotto will present the results from the pilot project using fishing vessels inside Perú EEZ.
- c. That participants would meet at the next ICES FAST meeting in Brest France to update on activities and progress towards implementation of the work plan.