



Towards sustainable European fisheries: The double challenge of restructuring and reducing the fishing fleet

Brussels, 21 October 2009

08.30: **Coffee & Registration**

09.00: **Welcome**

[Herman Verheij](#), Chairman of Seas At Risk

[Monica Verbeek](#), Executive Director Seas At Risk

09.15: **Keynote addresses**

[Axel Wenblad](#), Director General of the Swedish Board of Fisheries

[Poul Degnbol](#), Adviser on Scientific Matters DG MARE, European Commission

Setting the scene

10:00: The relation between adjustment of fishing capacity and the MSY management objective

[Sidney Holt](#), Advisor to Global Ocean and Ocean 2012

10.30 Coffee break

What makes a fleet sustainable?

11.00: Environmental aspects of fishing: finding the balance between exploiting marine resources and respect for nature

[Hans Polet](#), Flemish Institute for Agricultural and Fisheries Research (ILVO)

11.30: Fishing for the future; social and societal aspects of sustainable fisheries

[Marloes Kraan](#), Dutch Fish Product Board

12.00: Economics for sustainable fisheries

[Aniol Esteban](#), new economics foundation

12.30: Lunch

Capacity reduction and fleet restructuring

13.30: Overview of European fishing fleet capacity management

[Sophie des Clers](#), Geography Department, University College London

14.00: Lessons from fisheries buybacks

[Dale Squires](#), USA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

14.30: Regulating fleet capacity – the Norwegian experience

[Per Sandberg](#), Norwegian Fisheries Directorate

15.00: Restructuring fishing fleets for economic, social and ecological sustainability – an example from the West Coast of the United States

[Astrid Scholz](#), Ecotrust

15.30: Coffee break

Parallel workshops

16.00: Parallel workshops on management tools to achieve a sustainable fleet.

17.15: Reports from the workshops and conclusions

18.00: Conference ends

A cocktail will be offered after the conference.