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København-erklæringen skal give sorte forsk kamp til strengen

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Østerslændene og EU-Kommissionen har i dag underskrevet "København-erklæringen", hvor landene giver hinanden håndslag på at styrke fiskerikontrol i Østersøen. Landene opfordrer også Kommissionen til at tage alle midler i brug overfor lande, som ikke overholder EU's fiskeripolitik.

Alle landene omkring Østersøen og EU's fiskerikommissær Joe Borg underskriver her til aften i Landstingssalen på Christiansborg "København-erklæringen", der forpligter landene sig til at tage ansvar for det illegale fiskeri i Østersøen.

Landene har lovet hinanden at styrke fiskerikontrol i Østersøen og undersøge sorte landinger til bunds. Som noget nyt skal der etableres en åben kontrolhjemmeside, hvor landene løbende skal rapportere mængden af fangede forsk - for også at styrke kontrollen på tværs af landegrænser. I erklæringen opfordrer Østersølandene EU-kommissionen til at lade fælleshandskerne blive hjemme i Bruxelles.

"Ulovligt fiskeri er et problem, som vi skal løse i fællesskab. Vi skal hver især bidrage til opgaven, men vi har også brug for vores fælles politibøjnt. Vi beder derfor Kommissionen om at trække i arbejdstøjet og foretage de nødvendige skridt over for lande, som ikke overholder EU's fælles fiskeripolitik. Det kunne eksempelvis være fradrag i kvoter eller bøder til lande," siger fødevarerminister Hans Chr. Schmidt.

Han og andre at Østersølandenes fiskeriministre deltog i dagens RAC-konference om overfiskeriet af forsk i Østersøen, som Danmark er vært for. Konferencen med 140 deltagere fra ind- og udland fortsætter i morgen.

Læs København-erklæringen

Download frit presseto fra dagens pressemøde med fiskerikommissær Joe Borg og fiskeriministre. Foto: Per Gudmann.

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Declaration on combating unreported cod fishery in the Baltic Sea

- *Recognizing* the unreported fishery of cod in the Baltic Sea as a major threat to sustainable fishing;
- *Recognizing* the undermining of the recovery of the cod stocks due to the lack of enforcement measures in the region and consequential losses for fishermen and other operators in the fisheries sector operating legally;
- *Recognizing* the detrimental effects of the unreported landings on fishermen acting in accordance with the provisions of the Common Fisheries Policy;
- *Recognizing* the concern of consumers of long-term effects of overfishing on cod stocks and the marine environment;
- *Recognizing* the negative impacts unreported cod fishing has on the ecosystem of the Baltic Sea as a whole;
- *Welcoming* the Evaluation Report from the Commission Services of Catch Registration in Baltic-Sea Member States, 2005-2006;
- *Appreciating* the work initiated by the Commission to ensure transparency and close cooperation among control authorities of the Member States around the Baltic Sea including introducing a website collecting information from the Member States involved;
- *Attaching* great importance to the coordination of control activities of the Member States by the Community Fisheries Control Agency;
- *Welcoming* the initiative taken by The Baltic Sea Regional Advisory Council to arrange a conference on compliance and control of the Baltic Sea Cod fishery (Copenhagen, 28-29 March 2007);
- *The Baltic Sea Member States undertake* their responsibility to strengthen, where appropriate, fish inspection activities; and to thoroughly investigate unreported and unrecorded catches in their respective countries and take efficient actions to combat them;
- *The Baltic Sea Member States undertake* to implement a transparent system of utilization of national quotas of cod by providing a regular uptake of their quota on their control web site;
- *The Baltic Sea Member States undertake* to support the introduction of a simple, transparent and effective fishing effort limitation scheme in the Baltic Sea;
- *The Baltic Sea Member States and the Commission undertake* to continue and further strengthen close cooperation between the responsible authorities in the Member States with the view to combat illegal practices in the Baltic Sea;
- *The Baltic Sea Member States undertake* to estimate and, as appropriate, adjust their fishing capacity to a level in balance with catch possibilities;

- The Baltic Sea Member States emphasize the role of the Commission to evaluate and control the application of the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy by the Baltic Sea Member States;
- The Baltic Sea Member States and the Commission acknowledge the important role of the Community Fisheries Control Agency regarding its coordination of the control activities and will closely cooperate with it with the view to strengthen and harmonize the effectiveness of control;
- The Baltic Sea Member States and the Commission acknowledge the need for simple, effective and efficient control measures which will meet the objective to ensure the sustainable exploitation of the cod stocks as laid down in the proposed multi-annual plan for cod in the Baltic Sea;
- The Baltic Sea Member States urge the Commission to make use of all instruments available within its competences to monitor the control situation in the Baltic Sea, including deductions from future fishing opportunities of the Member States according to Council Regulation (EC) No 2371/2002;
- The Baltic Sea Member States urge the Commission to initiate a close cooperation with Russia regarding control aspects within the framework of the new bilateral fisheries agreement with Russia after its final adoption;
- The Baltic Sea Member States acknowledge the importance of evaluating control measures on a regular basis.

Copenhagen, 28 March 2007

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