

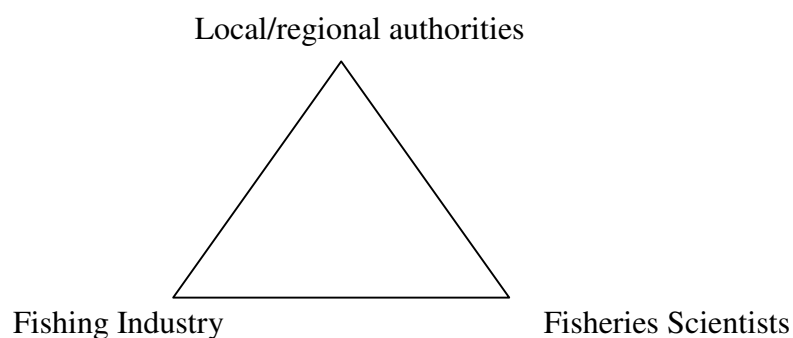
RESOLUTION

on Local Management of Inshore Fisheries

On 30-31 January 2003, The North Sea Commission Fisheries Group, together with Inshore Euronet, (Västra Götaland Region), and Tjärnö Marine Biological Laboratory held a workshop at Tjärnö, Sweden, titled “Who Owns the Sea ?“, which looked at the diverse interests in the sea. The workshop consisted of a good mixture of fishermen, fisheries scientists and fisheries managers and presentations and the subsequent discussions clearly highlighted that there is a need to;

- Recognise the importance of the local management of inshore fisheries
- Recognise the diversity of inshore fisheries
- Recognise the importance of local inshore fisheries on the local economy
- Recognise the importance of local inshore fisheries on the local community, such as social and culture aspects
- Recognise the need for trust, transparency, flexibility and participation within management
- Recognise that local management of inshore fisheries must be inclusive, not exclusive

The workshop suggested setting up local advisory bodies, which have to be consulted on fisheries management issues or anything, which can have an impact on inshore fisheries. The advisory bodies would as a core consist of the local/regional authorities, the fishing industry and fisheries scientists. Other interested and relevant parties can be drawn in whenever necessary.



The advisory bodies need to be adequately resourced, have access to accurate data and last but not least to consult with all relevant parties.