



AGENDA

FOCUS GROUP

Sole VIII - Eastern Channel

Printworks – Dublin Castle

Wednesday 16th September 2015

12:00 – 13:00

- 12:00 – 12:05 **1. Welcome and introductions**
- Welcome (Emiel Brouckaert)
 - Adoption of the agenda
- 12:05 – 12:20 **2. STECF response to AC advice.**
- Key points
 - STECF evaluation (management strategy evaluation with variability around assumptions like recruitment) differs from the IFREMER approach which was the basis of NWWAC advice;
 - Conclusion
 - TAC at 3000t gives 30% probability of $F > FMSY$ in 2020;
 - TAC at 2750t gives < 5% risk of $F > FMSY$ in 2020
 - Additional measures proposed only evaluated qualitatively – ‘may have positive effects’
 - All other options (e.g. staged reduction) will have an impact on the sole fleets
- 12:20 – 12:45 **3. Discussion**
- 12:45 – 13:00 **4. Plan of action**

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13:00 – 14:00