



AGENDA

Focus Group on Skates and Rays

BIM – Dun Laoghaire, Dublin
Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th of November 2016
10:00 – 17:30 and 09:00 – 15:00

- 10:00 – 10:05 **1. Welcome and introductions**
- Welcome from the Chair (John Lynch)
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Purpose of the meeting
- 10:05 – 10:15 **2. EC view on Skates and Rays and timeline for evaluation NWWAC advice**
- 10:15 – 11:00 **3. Presentation by Jim Ellis (CEFAS, chair WG on Elasmobranch-ICES)**
- Historical trends of stocks by area
 - ICES advice; scientific perspective on management options
- 11:00 – 11:30 *Coffee*
- 11:30 – 12:00 **4. Presentation by Pascal Lorange (Ifremer)**
- Quality of landings data
 - Use of industry data for assessment and advice
 - New research options to feed into stock assessment
- 12:00 – 12:45 **5. Skype presentation by Tom Catchpole (CEFAS, chair WKMEDS)**
- Current status of survivability trials on elasmobranchs
 - STECF and ICES requirements
 - Requirements for trials to collect data for high survival exemptions
 - Options for selectivity
- 12:45 – 13:45 *Lunch (provided)*



- 13:45 – 15:00 **6. Discussion and Drafting advice text on survivability and selectivity**
- New survival experiments
 - i. Which species
 - ii. Which Area
 - iii. Which Fisheries
 - iv. Participants
 - Selectivity trials
- 15:00 – 16:00 **7. National concerns, issues and relevant projects**
- France (Caroline Gamblin and Manon Joguet)
 - United Kingdom (TBC)
 - The Netherlands (Jurgen Batsleer)
 - Ireland (Dave Reid)
 - Belgium (TBC)
- 16:00 – 16:30 **Coffee**
- 16:30 – 17:30 **7. Continued**
- Discussion
 - Documenting concerns and issues (Drafting text)
- 19:00 *Dinner organised by the Secretariat*

Day 2

- 09:00 – 10:00 **8. Presentation on spatial management options**
- For the Irish Sea by Dave Reid (Marine Institute)
 - Spurdog by Stuart Hetherington (CEFAS, by skype)
 - i. Applicability
 - ii. Proposals for new trials (area 6a?)
- 10:00 – 11:00
- **Discussion on management options**
 - Stakeholder/science workshop outputs (Irene Kingma)
 - Timeline for evaluation / implementation
 - Discussion
 - Content of the drafting document
 - i. Drafting process
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee**
- 11:30 – 12:30 **9. Drafting text for ExCom**
- 12:30 – 13:30 *Lunch (provided)*
- 13:30 – 15:00 **10. Continued**