



## DRAFT AGENDA

### FOCUS GROUP ON SKATES AND RAYS

**BIM – Dun Laoghaire, Dublin**  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> of February 2019**  
**09:30 – 17:00**

- 09:30 – 09:35     **1. Welcome and introductions**
- Welcome from the Chair (John Lynch)
  - Adoption of the agenda
- 09:35 – 10:15     **2. Where are we now?**
- Update from the COM
  - Presentation roadmap (NWW MSG)
  - Summary ICES advice and STECF report ([link](#), by Dr Clarke)
- 10:15 – 10:30     **3. Role of the NWWAC**
- To prepare advice for the Joint Recommendation (May 2019)
  - To develop a programme of measures to minimise discards and improve survivability
- 10:30 – 11:00     **4. Survival**
- Overview Skates and Rays survival and current HS survival (Dr Uhlmann)
  - On-going trials and timeline (tour de table)
  - Gap analysis
- 11:00 – 11:30     **Coffee**
- 11:30 – 13:00     **5. Continue discussion**
- 13:00 – 14:00     **Lunch (provided)**
- 14:00 – 16:00     **6. Continue discussion**
- 16:00 – 16:50     **7. Selectivity and avoidance**
- Spatio-temporal measures
    - Options (tour de table)
    - Pros and cons
  - Gear selectivity
    - Options: avoid catching and improve survival (tour de table)
    - Pros and cons
- 16:50 – 17:00     **8. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair**