

Draft Agenda

MIRAC 2012 (Annual Meeting between ICES and the RACs)

23 January 2012, starts 14:00–24 January, ends 13:00

The Dutch Ministry of Economic affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, The Hague

Chair: Jean-Jacques Maguire (Chair of ACOM)

Monday afternoon

14:00–15:30

1. **Opening and welcome** The Director of the Fisheries Dept, Henri Kool, welcomes us to The Hague and the Ministry.
2. **Adoption of agenda**
3. **Tour-de-table of participants**
4. **ICES Advisory Services 2011: Cooperation with RACs (doc4)**

15:30–16:00 Coffee

16:00–18:00

5. **RAC: Review of Cooperation with ICES 2011.**
 - a. Involvement of stakeholders in ICES (PelRAC)
 - b. Regarding the follow-up of the 2011 MIRAC meeting (PelRAC)
 - Format of advice (stock status table versus quality rating of advice)
 - Educational workshop for stakeholders ‘Introduction to Assessments
 - c. Review of cooperation between ICES and NSRAC-NWWRAC in relation to data deficiencies for data poor stocks in western waters: state of play and way forward. Presentation by NWWRAC on experience of working with ICES and the work progress to date as well as future challenges (NWWRAC doc 5c)
6. **ICES: Benchmarking workshops:** feedback from the workshops in 2011 and information on the planned workshops for 2012 and 2013. (doc6)
 - a. Evaluation and reflection on the role of the stakeholders in ICES benchmark process (NWWRAC)
7. **Advisory Plan 2012:**
 - i. New initiatives in 2012 (data poor stocks, mixed/multispecies fisheries)
 - ii. MoU issues: popular version of Advice; overall Advice overview

19:30 Dinner

Tuesday morning

09:00–11:00

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- iii. Presentation of Advisory Workplan (doc7iii)
- iv. Advice for Celtic Seas Ecoregion: WKFREQ (6–8 March 2012) will have an effect, frequency of assessment and advice for discussion.

8. Points from the RACs:

- a. The basis for ICES advice: e.g. LTM plans versus MSY approach (PelRAC)
- b. Advice for data poor stocks (PelRAC)
- c. New type of request (to develop and evaluate HCR options) from the Commission to ICES (PelRAC)
- d. Stakeholder involvement in the drafting of requests to ICES. (PelRAC)
- e. Participation of RAC members in ICES meetings: a more collaborative approach between scientists and stakeholders? (NWWRAC)

11:00–11:30 Coffee

11:30–12:30

9. AOB

- a. Communication with RACs: what is status of Inter-RAC?
- b. Stakeholder participation at the ASC. Is this something the RACs want to continue? (doc 9b)

12:45–13:00: Chair's summary and Closure. JJ