



North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

FOCUS GROUP ON CELTIC SEA MIXED DEMERSAL FISHERIES CNPMEM – Paris

**Thursday 27th of January 2011
09.30-16.00**

AGENDA

1. Welcome (09:30-09:45 h)

- Opening: setting the scene by the Chairman, Jacques Pichon
- Adoption of Agenda
- Adoption of the report of last meeting (Madrid, 8th of September)

2. Review of biology for Celtic Sea demersal stocks – Colm Lordan (09:45-10:15)

- Overview of ICES advice for 2011
- MSY targets and non-assessed species

3. Effort management: legislative framework for subdivision VIIfg (10:15-10:45h)

- Outcomes of December Council: Fishing Opportunities for 2011
- DG MARE Agenda for 2011: timetable and scope of review of Western Waters regime (Council Regulation No. 1954/2003) - Jan Lindemann (European Commission)
- NWWRAC views and advice on Effort management in VIIfg: review of recent correspondence with the Commission

4. Towards a long term management plan for Celtic Sea mixed demersal fisheries: Guidelines and objectives (10:45-11:30 h)

- Presentation of key conclusions of the paper produced by the Steering Group – Sean O'Donoghue
- Open discussion: framework of the elaboration for a LTMP
 - Where are we now?
 - Where do we want to be in 5-10 years time?
 - What are the management measures that will deliver this?



COFFEE BREAK (11:30-11:45 h)

Continuation of discussions: Towards a long term management plan for Celtic Sea demersal stocks: debate on objectives (11:45-13:00 h)

- Definition of (transitional and long term) objectives: biological considerations – Colm Lordan
- Who will provide the required data and when?
- Definition of (transitional and long term) objectives: economic considerations – Sean O'Donoghue
- Who will provide the required data and when?
- Definition of (transitional and long term) objectives: social considerations - Sean O'Donoghue
- Who will provide the required data and when?

LUNCH BREAK (13:00-14:00)

5. **Initiatives for the reduction of discards (14:00-14:30 h)**
6. **Definition of strategy and work plan for the NWWAC (14:30-15:00 h)**
7. **GEPETO Project (15:00-15:20 h)**
8. **Summary of conclusions by the Chairman: agreed proposals to be put forward to the Executive Committee (15:20-15:45 h)**

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