



AGENDA

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council Executive Committee

MMARM – Madrid
Thursday 9th of September 2010
10.00 - 17.00

10:00-10:15

1. Welcome (Sam Lambourn)

- Apologies;
- Adoption of Agenda;
- Adoption of Minutes of the last meeting (Paris, 7th of July).

10:15-10:45

2. Report from the Secretariat on administrative and financial issues: approval of budget in principle (P. Gordon)

- Update on the budget for Financial Year 5 (2009/2010);
- Proposed budget for Financial Year 6 (2010/2011): approval in principle.

10:45-11:15

3. Structure and functioning of the NWWRAC

- Working structure of the RAC – Is there a need for reform? (Open discussion)

11.15-11.45

4. Priorities for the NWWRAC to the end of 2010

- Alignment with the priorities and calendar of consultation contained within the Commission's work programme (Commission);
- Suggestions for priority actions and topics (Open Discussion) – Examples:
 - Development and review of long-term management plans for key species;
 - Marine Spatial Planning (MPA and Natura 2000 sites);
 - Initiatives to improve data quality for stock assessments;
 - Socio-economic aspects of fishing activity.
- Decision on the topic for Dublin Castle workshop (28/10/2010).



Coffee Break 11.45-12.00

12:00-13:00

5. Reports on actions arising from Working Groups and a summary of responses to NWWRAC letters and advice.

Working Group 1 (Bertie Armstrong)

- EC response to NWWRAC advice on Fishing Opportunities for 2011;
- Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for Deep sea species 2011-2012;
- Consultation on incidental catches of seabirds in European waters;
- Long-term management plan for West of Scotland Haddock: next steps.

Working Group 2 (Hugo González/Paul Trebilcock)

- Alternative management and technical measures for Spurdog, Porbeagle and Sharks;
- LTMP for Northern Hake: current situation and future prospects;
- Clarification of geographical scope of high-grading ban;
- Interpretation of Article 11 of the TAC and Quota Regulation: Transit rights and requirements of fishing vessels through Porcupine area.

Working Group 3 (Daniel Lefèvre/Jim Portus)

- Channel Plaice management: separation/disaggregation of VIId and VIle;
- Review of VIle Sole LTMP: recent progress at STECF and EC meetings;
- Request for better science on stock status and discard survival rates for VIId Cod and Plaice stocks and Rays in area VII.

Working Group 4 (Lorcan O’Cinnéide)

- Work Programme and Management measures for Irish Sea stocks:
 - Alternative proposals to current Cod recovery plan (reduction of cod mortality);
 - Management of Sole and Whiting stocks;
- Discussion on management options for nephrops in area VII;
- DEFRA (UK) letter regarding the consultation procedure and stakeholder engagement process in the designation of UK Marine Protected Areas.

13.00-13.30

6. Outcomes of Celtic Sea Fisheries Focus Group (Jacques Pichon/Paul Trebilcock)

- Guidelines for a long-term management plan;
- Management options to the effort regime in VIIfg.



Lunch 13.30-14.30

14.30-15.00

7. Regional Task Force to address data deficiencies (Barrie Deas):

- Response from the Commission;
- Discussion.

15.00-15.30

8. Presentation on the results of the MEFPO Project: stakeholders' survey on capacities and functioning of the RACs and their role, in a regionalised context, within a reformed CFP (Kristen Ounanian)

15.30-16.00

9. Report on work progress from the Community Fisheries Control Agency (Hugo González/Jacques Pichon)

- Overview
 - Work programme for 2011;
 - Multi-annual Programme 2011-2015;

Coffee Break 16.00-16.15

16.15-16.45

10. Presentation on the scientific aspects of seabass and species management in France (CNPMEM / Scientist from IFREMER).

16.45-16.55

11. Presentation on the GEPETO II Project (Victor Badiola)

16.55-17.00

Close of Meeting