



## AGENDA

### North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Dublin Castle  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2012  
09:00-12:30

- 09:00 - 09:10     **1. Welcome by the Chair, Bertie Armstrong**
- Apologies
  - Adoption of the agenda
  - Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Dublin, 29th of February)
- 09:10 - 09:50     **2. Presentations of EU Projects relevant for the work of the NWWRAC**
- ACRUNET FP7 – Brown Crab Management (BIM/KFO)
  - MarineTT – Knowledge Gate platform (David Murphy - AquaTT)
  - Questions from the floor
- 09:50 - 10:10     **3. Actions put forward by geographical Working Groups**
- Working Group 1     (West of Scotland)     Chair: Jane Sandell
  - Working Group 2     (West of Ireland)     Chair: Jesús Lourido
  - Working Group 3     (Channel)     Chair: Daniel Lefèvre
  - Working Group 4     (Irish Sea)     Chair: Alan McCulla
- Adoption of actions by the Executive Committee**
- 10:10 - 10:30     **4. Discussions on procedures**
- Functioning of the Focus Groups (Víctor Badiola)
  - Review of the NWWRAC rules of procedure (Secretariat)
- 10:30 - 10:50     **5. Update on the Commission's work programme and consultations**
- EC Work priorities in relation to North Western Waters
  - Exchange of views

**Coffee break (10:50 - 11:10)**



- 11:10 - 11:40      **6. The future role of the RACs within the CFP reform**
- Review of the functioning of the RACs – EC response to InterRAC letter on administrative and financial issues; forthcoming consultations.
  - Change in structure and composition of the RACs (50:50 rule)
  - Regionalisation:
    - InterRAC common position (21 March)
    - Amendments to CFP Basic Regulation: proposals from EP and Council
    - Adoption of a NWWRAC position paper
- 11:40 - 12:10      **7. EC Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2013**
- Preparation of a NWWRAC response in reply to policy statement:
    - State of stocks: general trends
    - Rules and principles for setting TACs: Stock categories
    - Classification of data deficient stocks
    - MSY in mixed/multispecific fisheries
    - Effort Regimes
- 12:10 - 12:25      **8. Progress report on external meetings with NWWRAC participation**
- Joint RAC Conference on Mixed Fisheries (Barrie Deas)
  - MYFISH Project – Defining MSY variants and constraints (Kenny Coull)
  - Update on the proposal to form an Inter-RAC group of RAC Chairs
- 12:25 - 12:30      **10. Summary of actions agreed and concluding remarks by the Chair**

**Close of the meeting**

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FOCUS GROUP MEETING ON IRISH SEA FISHERIES MANAGEMENT  
WILL START AT 14:00 h**