



# AGENDA

## North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

### Focus Group Meeting on Cod Management West of Scotland and Irish Sea demersal fisheries

Comité National des Pêches Maritimes et des Elevages Marins – PARIS

Thursday 31 January 2013

14:00-16:00

- 14:00 - 14:15      **1. Welcome and Opening from the co-Chair, Sean O' Donoghue**
- Introduction of the participants;
  - Adoption of the agenda;
  - Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Dublin, 31 July 2012)
- 14:15 - 14:45      **2. Report on outcomes/actions of the work carried out by the NWWRAC in the second half of 2012** (Sean O'Donoghue / Barrie Deas)
- Focus Group on Cod Recovery (July)
  - EP Public Hearing on Review of Cod Management Plan (September)
  - NWWRAC Declaration on West of Scotland mixed fisheries (December)
- 14:45 - 15:30      **3. Analysis of Commission's response to NWWRAC letter on Mixed Fisheries**
- West of Scotland (Sean O'Donoghue)
- Management measures
  - Reduction of discards/ gear selectivity
  - Fully Documented Fisheries
- Irish Sea (Alan McCulla)
- Audit of Irish Sea Cod Fisheries
  - Scientific uncertainties for stock assessment
  - Management measures (including technical measures)
  - Discards Reduction initiatives
- 15:30 – 15:45      **4. Timetable and assignment of tasks for completion of Focus Group**  
How can the NWWRAC make a mixed fisheries plan operational?
- 15:45 - 15:50      **5. Summary of action points and conclusions**
- 15:50 - 16:00      **6. Concluding remarks by the co-Chairs, Sean O'Donoghue and Alan McCulla**