

AGENDA

Working Group 4

Irish Sea (VIIa)

Wednesday 24th of July 2013

11:00 - 13:00

Main Conference Centre – Dublin Castle

- 11:00 - 11:10** **1. Welcome by the Chair, Alan McCulla**
- Apologies received
 - Introductions
 - Adoption of the Agenda
 - Adoption of the Report from the last meeting (Bilbao, 17th of April 2013)
- 11:10 - 11:45** **2. Towards a mixed fisheries management plan for Irish Sea**
- Report on outcomes of the Irish Sea Focus Group (Dublin, 7 June 2012): actions arising - A. McCulla
 - Sole VIIa stock: update on Belgian Fisheries science-industry partnership – Hilde Vanhaecke
 - Template for a MAMP: Framework and Objectives
 - Collaboration with MS for a project coordinator to carry out a proposal for a MAMP
 - Data Issues: scientific uncertainties in mortality
- 11:45 - 12:00** **3. Review of the Cod Recovery Plan for Irish Sea - A. McCulla**
- Improving implementation of EC Reg. 1342/2008
 - Status of request to ICES Audit for Cod and Sole
 - Way forward: long term strategy
- 12:00 - 12:15** **4. Update on Irish Sea Nephrops - Eibhlín O’Sullivan**
- Change of timing for scientific advice
 - Development of NWWRAC advice: timetable
- 12:15 - 12:30** **5. Seasonal closure for Skates and Rays - E. O’Sullivan**
- Update on EC Request for Advice to STECF for an evaluation of effectiveness of seasonal closure
 - Way forward: discussion on NWWRAC work
- 12:30 - 12:45** **6. Data limited stocks – Barrie Deas and data stock coordinators**
- 12:45 - 12:55** **7. Summary on actions agreed and proposals to put forward to the Executive Committee**