

FINAL AGENDA

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council
Executive Committee

Paris

Tuesday the 17th of April
10.00am-5.30pm

1. Welcome (10.00am – 10.15am)
 - Apologies
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Adoption of Minutes of the last meeting
 - Action points on Gear Marking (letter and response from the Commission)
2. Actions and matters arising from Working Group Meetings on the 25th and 26th of January (10.15am – 11.15am)
 - Working Group 1
 - Working Group 2
 - Working Group 3
 - Working Group 4
 - Focus Groups on TCMs

(Break)
3. Report from Cod Symposium (Barrie Deas) (11.30am – 11.45am)
4. Certification and Eco-labelling (Helen McLachlan) (11.45am – 12.45pm)
 - Presentation from MSC (Chris Ninnes)
 - Presentation from Buyers and Processors (James Turton)
 - Presentation from Industry (Mike Park)

Lunch 12.45-2.00

5. Discussion with Commission and ICES on Habitats Directive (2.00pm – 3.30pm)
 - Presentation from Mark Tasker (ICES) regarding the science advice given by ICES on the issue of cold water corals and the principles applied in advising on closures
 - Presentation from Commission (DG Environment –Michéal O' Briain- and DG Fisheries –Leticia Martínez-)
 - Presentation from Member State (Eamonn Kelly and Elizabeth Sides) regarding proposed areas for closure.
 - Discussion on way forward regarding procedures for future consultation on Habitat sites.
6. Deepwater Gillnet issue- can we come to a consensual agreement? (3.30pm – 4.15pm)
 - Setting up of a Focus Group on Deepwater Gillnets
 - Review of maximum length of the nets (2.5 kms) for hake gillnets, as stated in Annex III.9 of Regulation 41/2007.
 - Definition of objectives for observation campaigns on deepwater gillnets.
 - Timing agreement on a calendar for the undertaking of trials in observation campaigns.

(Break)

7. Procedural issues: (4.30pm – 5.00pm)

- Working Group operation – Horizontal Issues (Joe Maddock)
- Process of dealing with Draft Papers (NWWRAC Secretariat)
- Reimbursement procedures for members attending non-NWWRAC meetings (NWWRAC Secretariat)
- Member representation at Executive Committee meetings (Hugo)

8. Proposed new items of work (5.00pm – 5.30pm)

- Discarding (Michel Goujon)
- Maritime Strategy

9. AOB