

# NWWRAC Focus Group on Common Fisheries Policy Reform

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# Context

- Previous debate in Focus Group – report
- Opinions from various meetings, organisations and countries
- Criticism of lack of specifics in discussions

# Format of meeting

- A number of key issues for discussion.
- Need to have **specific** inputs to formulation of NWWRAC response / advice
- Need to identify areas of agreement / differences within the NWWRAC
- Concise contributions please!!

# Following Steps

- Subject to members' opinions - of course!
- Draft NWWRAC input to be prepared and circulated in writing
  - - Scope of input
  - - Content of input
- Collation of advices from other fora
- Comments to be incorporated into text and final version circulated

# Some topics??

- Redefining Objectives of CFP
- Relative Stability
- TACs / Quotas v Effort
- Regionalisation
  - Role of RACs in regionalisation???

# Objectives of CFP

## POSSIBLE DEFINITION??

- “To redefine central objective as “the utilisation of marine aquatic resources in sustainable manner which has due consideration for biological, biodiversity and eco-system requirements AND concurrently for the need to sustain the maximum level of economic and social benefits which accrue from the exploitation of such resources”

# Need for Audit of Biological and Economic Components

- STECF not sufficient mechanism to incorporate social and economic dimensions into decisionmaking
- Widespread disagreement on biological conditions and trends
- Need to convergence on status of stocks and ecosystems

# Relative Stability?



TACs /Quotas or Effort??

# Regionalisation and the NWWRAC

- Does the RAC see a management role?
- Models of devolved management
- Perspectives to bring to Edinburgh interracc meeting?

# Discards Policy

# Scientific Analysis and Resource Availability