



## **North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council**

### **Cod Focus Group Dublin, 31 July 2012**

#### **Terms of Reference**

To examine the feasibilities of developing an operational plan in conjunction with the scientists based in the principles set out in the NWWRAC Position Paper on Cod management adopted in June 2012 under the title *“Re-booting Fisheries Management in the West of Scotland and Irish Sea Demersal Fisheries: Breaking the Cycle of Decline”*.

The Focus Group will address the following issues:

- TAC Setting
- Effort control
- A move to a form of fully documented fisheries
- A collaborative partnership between scientists and industry
- Discard reduction and, in some cases, elimination
- Cod avoidance strategies
- Data deficiencies