

## **DRAFT Summary of recommendations and actions**

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

#### **Working Group 1 – West of Scotland (ICES Vb and VI) Belfast, 12 June 2007**

##### **1. Adoption of agenda & minutes from last WG1 meeting**

The agenda and the report of the last WG1 meeting (25<sup>th</sup> Jan, Bilbao) were adopted.

##### **2. Presentation from the Commission**

WG1 thanked Ernesto Penas Lado (DG Fish) for his updates on:

- EC Policy statement on TACs and Quotas for 2008
  - RECOMMENDATION: That NWWRAC responds to ongoing consultation.
  
- Proposed Closures for Blue Ling fishery
  - RECOMMENDATION: That members encourage member states to contribute data on Blue Ling fishery

Proposed way forward on Commission Communication on Deep-Sea Stock Management

- RECOMMENDATION: That NWWRAC responds to consultation.

##### **3. Presentation on the Assessment of Northern Shelf Demersal Stocks**

WG1 thanked Robert Scott (CEFAS) for his update from the May meeting of the ICES Working Group on the Assessment of Northern Shelf Demersal Stocks.

- ACTION: Secretariat to make presentation available on the NWWRAC website.

##### **4. Update on Long-term Management Proposals**

WG1 thanked Ian Napier (NAFC) for his presentation on the project to produce a fisheries handbook, which could provide a basis for NWWRAC long-term management plans for agreed stocks in the West of Scotland area. Members gave their opinions on how best to define fisheries, and which stocks should be the initial targets for management plans.

- ACTION: Members to contact NAFC for additional information on the project.
- RECOMMENDATION: That members contribute relevant data on stock, fisheries and gears to NAFC.

### **5. Cod Recovery**

Sam Lambourn led the discussion on developing area-based proposals for WG1 area.

- RECOMMENDATION: That Sam Lambourn requests funding from the Commission for a focus group, with adequate scientific support, to be held during the Summer.

### **6. Discussions on Implementation of Marine SACs and SPAs**

- RECOMMENDATION: That the NWWRAC appoints Ian Gatt as its representative on the ICES Advisory Committee on Ecosystems.

### **7. Crab Management Workshop**

- ACTION: Scottish industry will arrange a crab management workshop covering West of Scotland issues.

### **8. Industry Science Partnership**

WG1 was reminded about SEERAD funding available for projects.

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