

# Overview

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# Where are we?

- **March 2018:** Adoption of Proposal by Commission
- Presentation to European Parliament and Council
- Autumn 2018: Trilogues
- Spring 2019: foreseen adoption

# Why one plan?

The Western Waters plan is an advantage to stakeholders:

- TACs can be set in the MSY ranges, including in the upper range, for example for mixed fisheries
- This makes it easier to implement the LO, because we can better match catches (e.g. Celtic mixed fish)
- Western Waters plan is necessary so that stakeholders and MS groups can continue to send us their JR for discard plans with *de minimis* and high survivability exemptions
- Replaces several single stock plans with one plan

# Why one plan?

- Both Advisory Councils continue their work, e.g. SWW AC continues to advise on southern hake, nephrops etc. or on minimum size for Iberian anchovy or any other fishery of interest to the SWW AC
- NWW AC continues to advise on northern hake, Celtic Sea whitefish fisheries etc. or any other fishery of interest to the NWW AC
- TACs on important species across area NWW and SWW e.g. Cod, Haddock, Saithe, Ling....
- Temporary cessation payments defined
- Clear relations with third countries – Brexit *acquis*



# What's in the Plan?

- $F_{MSY}$  Ranges defined by text (not numerically!), to allow for adaptation if ICES scientific advice changes
- F upper: Above MSY Btrigger and then;
  - **(a) allow mixed fisheries management**
  - **(b) avoid serious harm to stock by intra- or inter- spp. Dynamics**
  - **(c) limit quota variation between years to no more than 20%**
- No change in TAC setting (+ Recreational fisheries (TACs, bag limits, closures))
- Target stocks vs Bycatch stocks (MSY ranges, vs precautionary) recognises MSY on everything is not possible.

# Summary

- More transparent for stakeholders who fish in both areas overlapping by replacing multiple regulations (single species plans) by one
- Increase flexibility in setting TACs ( $F_{MSY}$  ranges) prevent big inter-annual changes in quota, whilst still allowing for sustainable fishing. Help with Choke mitigation – bycatch vs target stocks
- Regionalisation in setting technical measures and closed areas / seasons