

# State of play Skates and Rays

1)

- Scheveningen group has requested NSAC to coordinate AC response on skate and ray measures taken in regards to the LO exemption
- NSAC has said it will make an effort to do this jointly with the NWWAC
- Deadline for this work is early May 2020

2)

- Ongoing issues with management of skates and rays (group TAC) being a poor fit for sensible management
- Sumaris project is almost concluded also has a work strand on improving management

# Proposal for joint meeting with NSAC on Skates and Rays

## 1/2 day LO exemption progress

- Overview at fleet level of measures best practice measures taken
- Separation in avoidance, selectivity and survival (as in LO exemption text)
- Advice on future measures that could be developed

**Advice to ExCom by end of April**

## 1/2 day management improvement

- Revisit 2019 advice from NWWAC, see what has changed
- Review results from Sumaris, discuss merits
- Decision if advice to Commission and MS on improving management of skates

**Advice to ExCom by July (Ghent meeting)**

**Proposed date: March 30<sup>th</sup> - Location: Amsterdam**