

AGENDA

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

Steering Group Meeting on West of Scotland mixed demersal fisheries

**Bord Iascaigh Mhara / Irish Sea Fisheries Board
Crofton Road, Dun Laoghaire, Co. Dublin**

**Thursday 22 May 2014
14:00-16:00**

- 14:00 - 14:15 **1. Welcome and Opening from the WG1 Chair (moderator)**
- Adoption of the agenda;
 - Objectives for this meeting
- 14:15 - 14:45 **2. Review of work priorities of the Focus Group**
- Decision and outcomes of the last West of Scotland Focus Group meeting (Dublin, 25 March 2014) – S. O'Donoghue, J. Sandell
 - Update on the work of NSRAC Demersal Working Group – M. Park
 - Exchange of views from the floor
- 14:45 - 15:45 **3. Ideas to develop a regional discards plan for VIa**
- 3.1. Elements for discussion
- Identification of fishing activities and national fleets in WoS
 - State of the stocks: scientific uncertainties / data deficiencies
 - Technical measures (closures, gear selectivity...)
 - Monitoring and Verification (Fully Documented Fisheries)
 - Environmental aspects: integration with MAREFRAME case study
 - Socio-economic impacts of management/policy decisions
- 3.2. Drafting of a concept paper prior to next WG1 Meeting - Edinburgh, 3 July 2014: ToR; allocation of tasks; timeframe for deliverables.
- 15:45 - 16:00 **4. Summary of action points and concluding remarks by the WG1 Chair**