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## Focus Group Landing Obligation

Virtual meeting  
23 March 2022, 11:00 – 12:30 CET

### DRAFT AGENDA

11:00 – 11:05	<b>1. Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome from the Chair (Emiel Brouckaert)</li><li>• Apologies</li><li>• Adoption of the agenda</li></ul>
11:05 – 12:05	<b>2. Development of Choke Tool</b>
12:05 – 12:20	<b>3. Update on MSG work on Discard Plan 2023</b>
12:20 – 12:30	<b>4. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair</b>

Aim: to give information to the COM on how to avoid choke risk – look at possible measures and initiatives not yet considered to promote and improve avoidance and selectivity.

John Lynch

Celtic sea is running quite well, tm a lot of work done

We could have done this before the LO introduction, but still some issues still haven't been tackled – whiting catches in Nephrops fishery – help to evaluate what was possible

Emiel: survivability exemptions for skates and rays

Mo: calculations included in the tool would show where there might be difficulties in relation to quota fulfillment. We are updating the tool now because the data wasn't there at the time, use the tool on the species in NWW to predict potential difficulties on chokes and possibilities of getting around them (for example swapping).

Changed situation with Brexit: what does it tell us from the new initial quota shared

Take most recent data to compare with

2022 quota per species per country + landings & discards (most recent figures) + historical trends in swaps



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AER data set for bycatch % per gear

Next steps: Michael to populate the table, ready in a couple of weeks – lower part done by AC members

Advice on further process for CFP

Annual economic report STECF – massive increase in fuel prices, think about putting specific request to STECF that while recognizing there won't be 2022 data, we would like to see AER data with realistic fuel prices. At what point do fisheries become insolvent?

Advice from FG LO to HWG

Discard Plan:

Continue all existing exemptions

Any new needs for exemptions?

France: add one survival exemption for sole in 7e - project about it, very good results but more data needed

Comments by end of next week