

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

**Title:**

**Joint Focus Group between the NWWAC and NSAC on management measures for skates and rays (FG Skates & Rays)**

**Chair:**

John Lynch, Irish South & East FPO

**Vice-Chair:**

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**Rapporteur:**

Mo Mathies, NWWAC Secretariat

**Working language:**

English

**Time frame and deadline:**

A standing Focus Group

- 1) respond to the specific request from the Commission or the Member States Groups
- 2) to address ongoing issues regarding the management of skates and rays
- 3) to address issues arising within the advisory process

The group will carry out its work via virtual meetings. In-person meetings and/or workshops for all group members may be organised.

**NWWAC**

The FG Skates & Rays will function within the Horizontal Working Group. Draft advice will undergo a written procedure in the NWWAC HWG and the ExCom for revision and adoption.

**NSAC**

The Skates and Rays Focus Group will report to the NSAC Demersal Working Group. Draft advice will undergo a written procedure at the NSAC Demersal WG and ExCom for revision and adoption.

#### Objective:

- 1 Develop advice to the Commission and/or Member States Groups when requested**
  - a) Overview at fleet level of measures and best practice measures taken
  - b) Separation in avoidance, selectivity and survival (as in LO exemption text)
  - c) Management of Group TAC
  - d) Advice on any additional future measures
- 2 Develop advice to Commission and MS on improving management of skates and rays**
  - a) Build on previous advice from both ACs to include in formulation of advice papers on improved management
  - b) Review results from relevant scientific projects, invite experts from research institutes, discuss merits
- 3 Develop advice to the Commission and MS on issues arising in the advisory process**
  - a) Engage with relevant parties in the advisory process
  - b) Invite experts from ICES to FG meetings
- 4 Participate in UK consultations on skates & rays management**

#### Members:

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