



AGENDA

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

Focus Group Meeting on Cod Management Re-booting West of Scotland and Irish Sea demersal fisheries

Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) – Dun Laoghaire

Tuesday 31 July 2012

11:00-16:00

- 11:00 - 11:15 **1. Welcome and Opening from the Chair**
- Introduction of the participants and speakers;
 - Adoption of the agenda / terms of reference;
 - Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Dublin, 22 March 2012)
- 11:15 - 11:45 **2. Report on outcomes of the meeting between NWWRAC and the Commission on review of fishing effort - Brussels, 13th of July 2012**
- Report from NWWRAC delegates (Sean O'Donoghue / Barrie Deas)
 - Exchange of views from the floor
- 11:45 - 12:15 **3. Report on outcomes of STECF meeting (Edinburgh, 18th-22nd of June)**
- Cod in West of Scotland and Irish Sea (Colm Lordan/Sarah Kraak)
 - Data deficiencies: way forward
- 12:15 – 13:00 **4. Evaluation of the NWWRAC position paper setting an innovative approach to Cod Management: breaking the cycle of decline**
- Overview of the paper adopted in June 2012 – Sean / Barrie
 - Analysis in depth and development of seven principles

LUNCH BREAK (13:00-14:00 h)



- 14:00 – 15:30 **5. How can the NWRWA make a mixed fisheries plan operational?**
- Identification of information requirements / gaps
 - Simulation work required
 - Incentives: idea of a credit transferable system? (Sarah Kraak)
 - Allocation of tasks and responsibilities
 - Proposed way forward: future work plan and meetings calendar
 - Commission / Parliament / Council timetable
- 15:30 - 15:45 **6. Summary of action points and conclusions**
- Agreed set of action points and timeframe for delivery of outputs
 - Conclusions and procedures for adoption of advice
- 15:45 – 15:55 **7. AOB: Information points raised by Focus Group members.**
- 15:55 - 16:00 **8. Concluding remarks by the Chair**