



North Western Waters Regional Advisory Committee

AGENDA

FOCUS GROUP MEETING NEPHROPS MANAGEMENT ICES VI-VII

**CNPMEM HQ – Paris
Friday 8th of November 2013
09:00 - 11:00**

9:00 – 9:15 h

1. Welcome by the Chair, Eibhlín O’Sullivan

- Opening remarks
- Adoption of the Agenda
- Adoption of report of the last meeting (Edinburgh, November 2009)

9:15 – 9:45 h

2. ICES Advice on Nephrops Stocks – Joel Vigneau (ICES Co-Chair WGCSE)

- Outcomes of ICES Benchmark Workshop 2013 (ICES WGNEP)
- Biological assessment: State of stocks by Functional Units
- Data deficiencies
- Questions from the floor

9:45 – 10:00 h

3. Commission’s views – Roy Griffin (DG MARE)

- EC Proposal of Regulation on Fishing Opportunities for 2014
- Update on work plan and future consultations
- Questions from the floor

10:00 – 10:45 h

4. Preparation of NWWRAC advice on Nephrops management for ICES Sub-areas VI - VII

- Update on the North Sea RAC proposal on Nephrops management – Jane Sandell
- Contributions from the industry and/or other groups of interest
- Discussion on key elements to be included in a NWWRAC proposal
- Porcupine Bank (FU16): review of the seasonal closure and “of which” restriction
- Timetable and proposed way forward for adoption of a NWWRAC opinion

10:45 – 11:00 h

5. Summary of actions and recommendations agreed to be put forward to the Executive Committee – Focus Group Chair and/or Rapporteur