



AGENDA

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council Information Session on Technical Conservation Measures and Discards

**Main Conference Centre – Dublin Castle
Tuesday 5 July 2011
14:00 - 17:00**

WELCOME

14:00 - 14:15

1. Welcome
 - Opening remarks by the Chair, Sam Lambourn
 - Adoption of Agenda
 - Introduction of speakers and participants, and apologies

PRESENTATIONS

14:15 - 14:45

2. Commission's views on Technical Conservation Measures and Discards:
State of play and next steps
 - Presentation by Dominic Rihan (DG MARE – Commission)
 - Questions and debate from the floor

14:45 – 15:15

3. Test of a Nephrops grid (NECESSITY Project 2005) and test of a combination of selective devices for escapement of Nephrops and Hake in the Bay of Biscay (2010)
 - Presentation by Sonia Mehault (IFREMER Lorient - France)
 - Questions and debate from the floor

COFFEE BREAK (15:15-15:30)



15:30 - 16:00

4. Gear trials in the Northern Ireland Irish Sea Nephrops fishery – square mesh escape panel for haddock and whiting in trawls targeting Nephrops
 - Presentation by Pieter-Jan Schon (AFBI - Northern Ireland)
 - Questions and debate from the floor

16:00 – 16:30

5. REDES Project to improve selectivity and selection of fishing gears towards the reduction of discards
 - Presentation by Nérida Pérez (IEO) and Rosa Fernández (CETMAR)
 - Questions and debate from the floor

CONCLUDING REMARKS

16:30 - 16:45

6. Summary of actions to be put forward the Focus Group on Technical Conservation Measures

16:45 – 17:00

7. Final remarks and conclusions