



AGENDA

Working Group 1

West of Scotland and Western Approaches

Friday 28th of October 2011

09:00 - 11:00

The Coach House – Dublin Castle

WELCOME

09:00 - 09:10

1. Welcome:

- Opening remarks from the acting Chair;
- Apologies received;
- Introductions;
- Adoption of the agenda;
- Adoption of the report from the last meeting (Dublin Castle, 6th of July 2011)

09:10 - 09:20

2. Election of Working Group officers:

- Nominations received (Secretariat);
- Chair;
- Vice-Chair;
- Rapporteur.

TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

09:20 – 09:35

3. Discussion of Work Priorities for Working Group 1 for Year 7

09:35 – 09:50

4. EC Proposal of Regulation on Fishing Opportunities for 2012 (Bertie Armstrong / Barrie Deas):

- Summary of the outcomes of the DG MARE meeting with the RACs and ACFA on the State of the Stocks (8 September, 2011);
- Overview of recent responses to NWWRAC advice;
- Next steps.

09:50 - 10:10

5. Data deficiency issues for stocks assessment:

Report from WG data coordinators for VIa stocks on work progress in relation to:

- Identification of data needs by stock;
- Data sources and availability;
- Data management procedures.

Stock coordinators:

- Northern Hake (VI-VII) - Víctor Badiola / Jacques Pichon
- Monkfish and Megrin VIa - Mike Park
- Cod VIa - Sean O'Donoghue
- Haddock VIa - Sean O'Donoghue / Alan Coghill
- Whiting VIa - Bertie Armstrong

INFORMATION POINTS

- 10:10 - 10:20** 6. Outcomes of the Focus Group on the review of the cod recovery plan for the West of Scotland: next steps – Bertie Armstrong.
- 10:20 - 10:30** 7. West of Scotland Haddock: Update on the regulatory framework and the development of a future proposal for a management plan.
- 10:30 - 10:40** 8. Update on the DEFRA-Marine Scotland Pilot Project to develop fisheries management measures in UK offshore waters: Stanton Bank Workshop (Glasgow, 20 October, 2011) – Kara Brydson.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- 10:40 - 10:50** 9. Summary of actions and proposals to be put forward to the Executive Committee