

**Notice of a meeting to Establish Regional Data Deficiency Task Forces for the
North Sea and North Western Waters (WKDDRAC)**

Date:

31st March/1st April 2011

Venue:

ICES HQ, 44-46 Hans Christian Andersen Boulevard, Copenhagen

Participants:

- ICES
- Representatives from Member State authorities and Norway
- Representatives from the North Sea and North Western Waters RACs

Programme

Day 1: Thursday 31st March, 2pm to 6pm – North Sea room

1. Introductions
2. Background and Purpose
3. Participants
4. Terms of Reference for the Data Task Forces
5. Avoiding Duplication
6. Data preparation for ICES stock benchmark meetings – generalities
7. Dealing with uncertainties systematically: the pedigree matrix
8. Any Other Business

Day 2: Friday 1st April, 9am to 1pm

North Sea Room

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Baltic Room

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Both meetings will close at 1pm.

Draft list of stocks to be benchmarked in 2012, relevant for this meeting¹

ICES EG	Stock	Sub-group in Regional Data Deficiency Task Forces
WGNSSK	Anglerfish (Divisions IIa and IIIa, Subarea IV and Subarea VI)	North Western Waters and North sea
WGNSSK	<i>Norway pout (Division IIIa and Subarea IV)</i>	North Sea
WGHMM	Anglerfish (Divisions VIIb-k and VIIIabd)	North Western Waters
WGHMM	Megrim (Divisions VIIb-k and VIIIabd)	North Western Waters
WGCSE	Sole in Divisions VIIf,g	North Western Waters
WGCSE	Sole in Division VIIe	North Western Waters
WGCSE	Cod in Division VIa	North Western Waters
WGCSE	Cod VIIa	North Western Waters
WGCSE	Cod VIIe–k	North Western Waters

¹ This list is preliminary, and will be updated after the assessment working group meeting during May 2012.