

**Workshop on Definitions of fisheries groupings for the development of long-term management plans for the demersal fisheries in ICES Sub-area VII.**

30 May 2007, Civil Service Club, London.

**Workshop Chair (John Casey, Cefas)**  
**Rapporteur (NWWRAC Secretariat)**

**Participants :** Cefas team (2-3 persons)  
RAC WG representatives (8 persons)  
RAC secretariat (1-2 persons)  
French Scientists (1-2 persons)  
Spanish Scientists (1-2 persons)  
Irish Scientists (1-2 persons)  
FRS Scientists (1-2 persons)

Workshop Chair - J Casey, Cefas)  
Rapporteur – NWWRAC Secretariat

**Outline**

**Morning Session**

1000 Participants arrive + Coffee

**1030 Welcome and Background (Workshop Chair)**

1045 Aim of the Project and context – Trevor Hutton, Cefas

1100 RAC members' preliminary suggestions for identifying fisheries and expectations from the workshop. *We would like to hear from representatives each of the four RAC regions on any points they think relevant*

1120 General discussion on objectives of the workshop

**1130 Presentations: Approaches to describing fisheries**

1130 The present segmentation of fleets under the data collection regulation

1200 Current approaches used by ICES/STECF (J. Casey, Cefas)

1230 Defining Fisheries in the Irish Sea (Colm Lordan/Sarah Davie, Marine Institute)

1300, LUNCH

**Afternoon session**

**1345 Presentations continued**

1345 CEFAS approach in the SW of UK – Trevor Hutton, Cefas

1415 Approaches elsewhere (e.g. France, Spain, FRS for VIa) - TBD

**1445 Discussion** – Aiming for appropriate fisheries descriptions for the NWWRAC regions – led by **Workshop Chair**.

*Focus on a number of questions:*

*What is a sensible and practical way forward?*

*What criteria should be used to describe fisheries that can form the basis for management proposals.*

*What are the implications for data collection and analysis.*

**1545 Tea/Coffee break**

**1600 –Continue discussions**

**1630 Summing up (Workshop Chair+ Rapporteur)**

**1700 End of workshop.**

**Output from the workshop will be a short report prepared by the Rapporteur, outlining future approach to describing fisheries in sub-area VII and any action points arising.**