



NWWRAC Data Deficiency Coordinator **Progress Report**

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* **NWWRAC Working Group(s):** WG (2) WG (4)

* **Stock(s) for which I have responsibility:** Nephrops Area 7

* **Contact within ICES:** Colm Lordan

* **Comments on contacts made:** As a starting point Colm prepared a paper in relation to the data deficiencies in an Irish context. A follow up teleconference meeting was held between Colm Lordan, Jennifer Doyle of the Marine Institute at which this paper was gone through in detail. The various deficiencies and where Industry can assist.

* **Comments on data deficiencies identified:** Eibhlin is to follow up with Industry and a further meeting will be held in a month or so. It is hoped then to expand this to both the UK and French Industry who are the main players in this fishery.

* **Comments on possible NWWRAC initiatives or initiatives by fishing industry organisations in the member states to resolve specific data deficiencies:** most of the deficiencies relate to lack of sampling and observer trips. There are issues on both scientific and industry perspective but it is important these are resolved as far as possible.

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