

WKMSYREF - Workshop to consider reference points for all stocks

2012/2/ACOM37 The **Workshop to consider reference points for all stocks** (WKMSYREF), chaired by Carl O'Brien, UK, will meet at ICES Headquarters, 23–25 January 2013, for the stocks covered by the working groups AFWG, HAWG, NWWG, NIPAG, WGWIDE, WGBAST, WGBFAS, WGNSSK, WGCSE, WGEF, WGDEEP, WGHMM, and WGANSA, to:

- On basis of work in WKLIFE2 and WGMSE, evaluate the basis for reference points for fish stocks for which ICES is requested to provide advice and propose operational definitions. This relates to the reference points within the ICES MSY framework ($MSY_{B_{trigger}}$, F_{MSY}) and B_{lim} and, where relevant, Bescapement. For F_{MSY} , consider principles for identifying F_{MSY} as a range which can be used for instance when advising on fisheries options in a mixed fisheries context.
- Evaluate the consistency of these reference points for stocks for which such reference points have been identified and propose modifications wherever such reference points are found to be inconsistent.
- Evaluate the options and propose candidate reference points for stocks for which no MSY reference points were identified in the 2012 advice.

WKMSYREF will report by 28 February 2013 for the attention of ACOM.

Supporting information

Priority	This work is a prerequisite for the further implementation of the MSY approach in ICES advice
Scientific justification	The group will apply the approach produced by WKFRAME, WKFRAME2 and WKMSE
Resource requirements	Members of stock assessment working groups attending
Participants	The Group is expected to be attended by some 20–25 participants.
Secretariat facilities	None.
Financial	No financial implications.
Linkages to advisory committee	ACOM
Linkages to other committees or groups	Based on WKFRAME2 and WKMSE, forms basis for MSY implementation in 2013 in all stock assessment working groups.
Linkages to other organizations	