



North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

Focus Group Meeting Future Management for Irish Sea Commercial Fisheries

Wednesday 30 September 2009, 10.30-16.30

**The Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)
Newforge Lane
Belfast
United Kingdom
BT5 9PX**

Travel

Travel by air to Belfast is quite easy, with particularly frequent links from the main London. Links from other UK centres and major European cities are diverse, though less frequent. Please note that Belfast has two airports, Belfast International Airport, located about 25 miles north of the city, and Belfast City (George Best) Airport which is located about 10 minutes from the city centre. Low cost airlines include Easyjet, Ryanair, Jet2 and FlyBe, while full service carriers include Aer Lingus and BMI. Bus links from both airports to Belfast city centre are frequent, while taxis are also available. Most visitors to AFBI tend to use the city centre airport, as it is a 20 minute taxi ride to AFBI

Accommodation

No specific accommodation has been pre-booked for the meeting; however, three hotels offer good quality accommodation in the south part of the city closest to AFBI. These are:

The Ramada Inn, Ph 028 90 923500, Single room from £58, room only rate.
<http://www.ramada.com/>

The Best Western Wellington Park Hotel, Ph 028 90 3881111, single room from £79 including breakfast. <http://www.wellingtonparkhotel.com/>



Malone Lodge Hotel, Ph 028 90 388000, Single room from £75, breakfast included.
<http://www.malonelodgehotelbelfast.com/>

The Ramada Inn is closest to AFBI (a 10 min walk), while the others are a short taxi ride (10 mins). A range of other hotels is available in the centre of Belfast, including the Hilton and the Europa.

The meeting location

The meeting will be held at AFBI Headquarters, in Newforge Lane, Belfast. A location map and site map are appended. Please note, visitors must enter the site at the second entrance, as the first entrance is the staff-only car park and has unmanned barriers. Enter the site via the security check at the front gate, where you will be checked off the guest list and given directions to the main building, a short walk away. Go to the reception desk, where you will be given directions to the meeting room.

The meeting room is equipped for the usual audio-visual requirements. PowerPoint is preferred.

Tea/coffee will be provided during breaks, while a buffet lunch will be served in the foyer space.

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Scientific Terms of reference

1. To briefly review recent and current research in the NE Atlantic on genetic population structure of cod.
2. To briefly review the evidence for the biological basis for observed cod population structuring, including evolutionary forces, population dynamics, behaviour and oceanography. This review should include evidence for temporal stability of population structure and sensitivity to climate change and fishing.
3. To consider and make recommendations on scientific approaches that may be applied to integrate genetics and population dynamics and other biological information for cod into spatially structured models for stock assessment and forecasting.
4. To assess the potential for future additional collaborative work between fishery institutes and universities to deliver a generic model, or models, that will fulfil the objective of TOR 3. Ideally, this should specify what can be achieved within current resources and identify where new collaborative bids for additional funding are required.