

# **NWWAC / EFCA / NWW CEG**

## **Joint Workshop on monitoring, control and enforcement of the Landing Obligation**

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### **Main issues encountered**

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# Contents:

1. Control and compliance with discard plans
2. Choke situations and compliance
3. Risk assessment
4. Specific control issues on the Technical Measures Regulation in relation to the Landing Obligation



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of previous NWWAC advice and  
agreed material**



# 1. Control and compliance with discard plans

- Clear instructions discard documentation *de minimis* and high survival exemptions
- Level playing field third countries
- Brexit new dimension 1st January 2021
- Collaboration CEG & NWWAC



## 2. Choke situations and compliance

Mixed nature NWW demersal fisheries – issues:

- Bycatch species TACs restrict target species fishing opportunities
- Target stock TAC towards maximum advice level:
  - Exceed another stock maximum advised TAC
  - Choke fishery
- Choke risks mitigation knock-on effects

Pelagic bycatch demersal fisheries - lack of accurate catch data



# NWWAC Choke Identification Tool 2019

- Based on NWW Choke Mitigation 2015 & 2016
- Info from ICES Advice and JR Discard Plan
- Reclassification risk across MS:
  - High
  - Moderate
  - Low
- Mitigation measures proposed where relevant



# NWWAC Choke Identification Tool

NWW high risk species	
Haddock 7b-k	Whiting 6a
Cod 7e-k	Haddock 6a
Sole 7h,j,k	Cod 6b
Plaice 7h,j,k	Cod 7a
Cod 6a	Whiting 7a

# 3. Risk assessment

- Need for full control high-risk vessels
  - Risk categories fully defined (EFCA)
  - Detailed catches documentation - cost effective & appropriate tools
- Stocks assessment – categories Choke ID tool:
  - High risk: catches well in excess of TACs, choke for multiple MS
  - Moderate risk: catches in excess of TACs for one or more MS, but mitigation tools possible solution
  - Low risk: catches in line with TACs



## 4. Control issues in the TMR in relation to the LO

- Catch composition rules:

Correct interpretation?

What maximum % of species for specific mesh size?

Compatibility with LO?

- Clarification with DG MARE

# THANK YOU!



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### **NWWAC views on REM**

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# NWWAC views on REM

- REM use based on pre-defined risk categories
- REM type: cost-effective & appropriate
- Tools: observers, CCTV, VMS, sea, air & onshore controls
- CCTV - controversial tool - needs:
  - Good communication
  - Compliance privacy laws
- Dedicated programmes to measure LO compliance
- Appropriate data collection methodologies



# THANK YOU!



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