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## MINUTES

### WORKING GROUP 3 (ENGLISH CHANNEL)

#### The Main Conference Centre – Dublin Castle

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018

15:30 – 17:30

#### 1. Welcome and Introduction

The Chair Pascal Coquet opened the meeting and welcomed the participants.

Apologies were received from Javier Lopez (Oceana) and Alex Kinninmonth (RSPB). The agenda was adopted as drafted.

The Secretariat updated the meeting on the action points from last meeting in July (3<sup>rd</sup> July 2018):

1. The NWWAC to follow-up the discussions in the Regional Group on King scallops

This will be discussed under agenda item 3.

2. **Input on the draft advice ‘Addressing Choke Risk in NWW after exemptions’ for relevant WG3 stocks**

Mr Rihan (BIM) presented an overview of the draft advice for the relevant stocks of WG3.

Members raised concerns about the restricted timeline for the procedure in formulating the new JR over the summer. Acknowledging the legitimate concerns raised by STECF, the decision to suppress the combined *de minimis* for pelagic by-catches and for gadoids in the Celtic Sea along with the *de minimis* exemption for whiting in the Irish Sea and restrictions on the survival exemption for plaice in the Celtic Sea, have the potential to create further difficulties in avoiding early closures of important fisheries.

**ACTION:** Members are invited to send their input on the draft advice on the LO to the Secretariat in advance of the web meeting (24<sup>th</sup> September)



### 3. Setting the objectives for a Focus Group on King Scallops

Two scientific experts attended the meeting, Dr Ewen Bell (CEFAS) and Dr Erik Foucher (Ifremer). Dr Foucher gave an overview of the scientific work done in France on King scallops (see [website](#)). The discussion following the presentation identified and clarified possible differences in surveys designs across the channel, and reproduction, growth rate and age at maturity between different the scallops beds. The meeting also discussed the potential effects of gear types on catches of small scallops and survivability.

The meeting agreed that further discussion is needed to develop a management plan. Other examples of shared resources between industries could be used as an example, e.g. Pandalus shrimp in US

Members were invited to send their proposals for topics for the Focus Group on Scallops.

**ACTION:** Members are invited to forward ideas for the Focus Group on Scallops to the Secretariat

### 4. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

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## Annex 1 – List of Participants

<b>NWWAC members</b>	
Pascal Coquet	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CRPMEM) de Haute-Normandie
Gérald Hussenot Desenonges	Blue Fish
Anna Szczodrowska	European Anglers' Alliance
Lionel Bottin	Comité Départemental des Pêches et des Élevages Marins du Calvados (CDPMEM 14)
Manu Kelberine	Comité Départemental des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins des Côtes d'Armor (CDPMEM 22)
Erwan Quemeneur	Comité Départemental des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins du Finistère (CDPMEM 29)
Caroline Gamblin	Comité National des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CNPMMEM)
Dimitri Rogoff	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CRPMEM) de Basse Normandie
Sylvie Roux	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CRPMEM) de Bretagne
Olivier LePretre	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CRPMEM) Hauts de France
Mathieu Vimard	L'organisation de producteurs de Basse-Normandie (OPBN)
Pascal Coquet	France Pêche Durable et Responsable
Delphine Roncin	FROM Nord (Fond Régional d'Organisation du Marché du poisson)
Frank LeBarzic	Coopérative Maritime Bretagne Nord (COBRENORD)
Dominique Thomas	Organisation de Producteur Coopérative Maritime Etaploise Manche Mer du Nord (OPCMEMMN)
Olivier LeNezet	Comité Départemental des Pêche Maritimes et des Elevages Marins du Morbihan (CDPMEM 56)
Hugo Boyle	Irish South and East Fish Producers Organisation
Geert Meun	Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij (Dutch Fisheries Organisation) (2)
Jim Portus	South Western Fish Producers Organisation Ltd.
<b>Observers</b>	
Jonathan Shives	European Commission
Jenni Grossmann	ClientEarth
Bruno Dachicourt	European Transport Federation
Debbie Crockard	Seas at Risk
Jean Christophe Vandevelde	The PEW Charitable Trusts
Thierry Kerzerno	Comité Local des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CLDPMEM) de Bayonne
Jérôme Jourdain	Union des armateurs de la pêche en France (UAPF)
Fintan Kelly	BirdWatch Ireland
Francis O'Donnell	Irish Fish Producers' Organisation (IFPO)
Patrick Murphy	Irish South and West Fish Producers' Organisation
Norah Parke	Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation
David Beard	Manx Fish Producers' Organisation
Mike Park	The Scottish White Fish Producers Association Ltd. (1)
Eric Foucher	Ifremer
Ewen Bell	CEFAS
Glenn Quelch	European Fisheries Control Agency



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Celia Amitrano	DPMA
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<b>Secretariat</b>	
Michael Keatinge	Executive Secretary NWWAC
Dominic Rihan	BIM
Sara Vandamme	Deputy Executive Secretary NWWAC
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