

Focus Group on the development of a fishing management strategy for Brown Crab

(FGCrab / GDTourteau / GEBuey)

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1. Welcome and introductions

Apologies

Adoption of the Agenda

Adoption of the Minutes (28/02/2017) ?

Action Points from the minutes of the last meeting – 28th February 2017, Paris

2. Action Points

- ACTION: The NSAC Demersal WG and NSAC Secretariat will be informed of the progress of FGCrab by Barrie Deas who will report back to the group, as necessary.
- ACTION: The Chair to collate data on the topic of the interaction between seals and pot fisheries.
- ACTION: The Secretariat to draft a letter to the EC to ask scientists to develop guidelines on harmonising data collection for brown crab to the assessments. This letter should aim to support the ICES WGCRAb in the development of advice on brown crab.
- ACTION: Members and Member States to share their experiences with certification schemes (not only MSC) for brown crab fisheries, including relevant technical conservation measures
- ACTION: FGCrab members will collate and share data on the effectiveness of current management schemes in order to determine the most appropriate tools in the different regions.

Terms of Reference

Strategy aims to reach:

1. Coherent approach to optimise the use of management measures for brown crab for stakeholder organisations and MS.
2. Adoption of management plans by producer countries, as necessary and appropriate, to achieve best possible management of brown crab fisheries without prescriptive, top-down regulatory measures the success of which would be reflected in endorsement and accreditation by major, global seafood and environmental agencies.

2. Brown Crab Stocks – Is there a problem?

- Brown crab management (Dr Ollie Tully, Marine Institute (IE))
- The Data Issue
 - A brief presentation of the problems (Dr Ewen Bell, Cefas, UK)
 - Understanding the requirements
 - How can the data problems be solved (input from the floor)
 - Identifying easy solutions
- New technologies for data collection
 - What is being used (Mr Jack Emmerson, University of Bangor, UK), (Mr Frank Fleming, Irish BC FIP)
 - What could be used.

3. Discussion – factors driving management decisions

- Data requirements for management decisions
 - What data is necessary?
 - Input to ICES WGCRA B
- Economic viability
 - Economic analysis
 - The use of economic data by industry
- The role of FIPs and Certification
- Next steps.

4. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted

North Western Waters Advisory Council Brown Crab Focus Group

Thank you



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