

# Horizontal working group on the Landing Obligation

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# 1. Action Points

Regarding the AC advice on the Landing Obligation:

1. Secretariat stayed in touch with the MS group and to circulate the draft JR for 2018
2. An Advice Drafting Group LO has met to:
  - Discuss the action points of the NWWAC meeting in Paris
  - Develop alternative solutions and contingency plans before the full implementation of the LO.
    - The Choke Mitigation Tool ('decision tree')
  - Define the format and content of a guidance note for fishermen

# 1. Action Points

3. The ExCom has approved the organisation of a meeting between the: NWWAC, EC, Control Expert Group and EFCA.
4. Members are invited to inform the Secretariat of research results and initiatives (e.g. selectivity trials) that could be of interest to all members and future advice.

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Comments by ClientEarth

Comments by EAA

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Member States	Belgium	France	Ireland	Netherlands	UK	Spain
461						
793						
	14.97	27.11	43.32	0	14.10	0
	69	125	202	0	65	0
	226	129	11	0	51	0
	119	215	347	0	112	0
	187	112	58	0	25	0
	485	556	411	0	91	0
	72%	83%	88%	RDI/DI	78%	RDI/DI
1946	6.72	668	498	0	116	0
Initial quota	2.71	0.90	0.23	0	0.38	
Quota after swap	0.83	0.87	0.96		0.49	
Initial quota share	9.74	5.34	2.43		1.78	
Quota after swap	2.98	5.18	7.98		2.26	
Deficit by Member State	5.66	3.11	1.41		1.04	
Deficit by Member State (t)	-553	-453	-143		-4	

- cat 3
- v. high discards
- by-catch / target (economic)
- seasonal clause (Feb/March) - existing no scope for extension
- catches ~ 2-8 times final swap
- lack of clarity in terms of inter-species flex. because recipient stock is <sup>artificial</sup> within SSB
- high survival seems to be the only option
- pulse, demand partial soln.
- qualitative evaluation of biomass is +ve so maybe 9% could be applied ???
- ↳ which stocks → FR A → NE ?

	Would this action have a significant economic impact	Responsibility *	Reason for using the action	Reason for not using the action
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of a species	Y			
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of juveniles and/or	Y			
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of minimum mesh size	Y			
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of pulse	Y	MS/COM	PROFIT	LEGAL/COST
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of rights	Y	MS/COM	short term - so	NO SBL specified
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of discards	Y			
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of discards (Discard Rate < DM)	Y			
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of single TAC	Y			
Should this reduce the unaccounted catch of combined TAC	Y			

# 3. NWWAC Choke Mitigation Tool

- Presentation of the 'choke mitigation tool'

Area 7.b-k - Haddock - All Gears												
Member States		Belgium	France	Ireland	he Netherland	UK	Spain					
Union TAC for 2015 (t)	8342											
Union TAC + full uplift: 20.24% (ICES discard rate 2015)	11262											
<b>baseline</b>	Initial quota share 2015 (%)	1.11	66.66	22.22	0	10.00	0					
<b>potential</b>	Initial quota 2015 (t)	93	5561	1854	0	834	0					
	Quota after swap (t)	118	5761	1862	6	801	0					
	Quota 2015 + uplift 2015 (t)	126	7507	2503	0	1126	0					
<b>STECF data</b>	Reported landings 2015 (t)	118	5681	2205	1	769	0					
	Reported discards 2015 (t)	680	3130	3285	3	849	32					
	Discard rates 2015 (%)	85%	36%	60%	75%	52%	100%					
	Total catch 2015 (t)	17533	798	8811	5490	4	1618					
<b>effect swaps 2015</b>	Landing STECF / Initial quota	1.27	1.02	1.19		0.92						
	Landing STECF / Quota after swap	1.00	0.99	1.18	0.18	0.96						
	Catches STECF / Initial quota share	8.58	1.58	2.96		1.94						
	Catches STECF / Quota after swap	6.74	1.53	2.95	0.72	2.02						
	Estimated Surplus/Deficit by Member	6	1	2		1						
	Estimated Surplus/Deficit by Member	-672	-1304	-2987	-4	-492	-812					
<b>Choke Category 2 (Regional) or 3 (Biological)?</b>		BYCATCH	BOTH	BOTH	BYCATCH	BYCATCH	BYCATCH					
<b>Indicate:</b>	3	97% - BT2	72% - TR1	54% - TR1	100% - TR2	52% - TR1	100% - TR2					
		28% - TR2	32% - TR2	14% - BT2	18% - TR2							
<b>Mitigation actions:</b>												
<b>Avoidance</b>	Enter avoidance measures beyond existing measures that may reduce the unwanted catch of a species	"Y" for yes, "N" for no, "?" if unknown						Would this action have an economic impact	Reason for using the action	Reason for not using the action	Responsibility	
	Closed/Restricted Areas	N	N	N	N	N	N	na	na	Widely deployed in these fisheries not possible to identify additional opportunities	NA	
	Real Time Closures (for juveniles and/or spawning aggregations)	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	Applicable to Member fisheries and closed several fisheries where appearance of juvenile haddock can be assessed.	Not appropriate in BE, low trawl fishery and ICES mixed demersal fishery where catch of haddock are minimal and sporadic	Regional/Member States, individual vessels	
	Voluntary avoidance actions	N	N	N	N	N	N	na	na	Avoidance of non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
<b>Selectivity</b>	Measures above regulatory requirements that may reduce the unwanted catch of a species	"Y" for yes, "N" for no, "?" if unknown						Would this action have an economic impact	Reason for using the action	Reason for not using the action	Responsibility	
	Size selectivity - Increasing codend mesh	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	na	na	Applicable to Member fisheries and used several fisheries where appearance of juvenile haddock can be assessed.	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels
	- Escape panels	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	Species Selectivity - Sorting devices	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	modifications e.g. cutaway	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	result raised footings	?	?	?	?	?	?	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	- Behavioural re	?	?	?	?	?	?	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
<b>Quota</b>	Swapping	"Y" for yes, "N" for no, "?", "0" for 0-TAC, "N" for stocks outside Safe Biological Limits						Would this action have an economic impact	Reason for using the action	Reason for not using the action	Responsibility	
	Interspecies Flexibility	N	N	N	N	N	N	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	Others Quota	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	Remove TAC	?	?	?	?	?	?	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	Merge TAC regions	N	N	N	N	N	N	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
<b>Exemptions</b>	Indicate how much relief exemption will provide:	"Y" for yes, "N" for no, "?", "0" (0-TAC) or "Little" (Discard Rate > DM) or "sufficient" (Discard Rate < DM)						Would this action have an economic impact	Reason for using the action	Reason for not using the action	Responsibility	
	High survival	N	N	N	N	N	N	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	de minimis (based on single TAC)	?	N	N	N	N	N	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	de minimis (based on combined TAC)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	na	na	Widely used in fisheries where discarding is generally avoided or non-regulatory discard is already observed in many fleets	Individual vessels	
	Estimated remaining tonnage of choke after mitigation actions:	Removing a by-catch species like sole in this area from the TAC regime would resolve the choke situation. Similar to dab and flounder in the North Sea area.						Would this action have an economic impact	Reason for using the action	Reason for not using the action	Responsibility	

PART 1

PART 2

PART 3

ICES 2015 advice  
<http://www.ices.dk/sites/pub/Publication%20Reports/Advice/2015/2015/had-7b-k.pdf>

options: Table 5.3.16.2:  
 catch 2015 = 15 209 t  
 ds 2015 = 5 324 t  
 discard rate 2015 = 5 324 / 15 209 = 35.00%

# 3. NWWAC Choke Mitigation Tool

- Presentation of the 'choke mitigation tool'
- Feedback from meetings
  - West of Scotland (MareFrame, 9 June)
  - Advice Drafting Group (NWWAC, 19 June)
  - Celtic Sea (MS Expert group, 20-21 June)



# 4. Preparation of future meetings

- NWW MS Technical Group meeting (12 July, Madrid)
- Seafish ‘Discard Action Group’ (18 July, London)  
Presentation on  
“The NWWAC implementation of the Landing Obligation in 2018”
- NWWAC workshop on Choke Mitigation Measures
  - Proposal
  - Participants
  - Output

# 4. Preparation of future advise

- Drafting advice for the Joint Recommendation for 2019

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



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