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TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title:

Focus Group on the development of a crab fishing management strategy (FGCrab) which takes account of new drivers of effort in European brown crab fisheries

Chair:

Norah Parke. KFO

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Patrick Murphy, IS&WFPO

Rapporteur:

Mo Mathies, NWWAC Secretariat

Working language:

English (interpretation to be provided where possible)

Time frame and deadline:

A 12-month period (May 2019 – June 2020) to itemise and examine the impact of current drivers of effort in European brown crab fisheries (UK, Ireland and France).

It is proposed to conduct the business of the FGCrab as much as possible by means of tele/video-conference and distribution of information and documents by electronic systems to ensure maximum value regarding time and expenses.

A final report to be presented at NWWAC July meeting in 2020

The FGCrab will function within the Horizontal Working Group.

Objective:

To develop recommendations on the development on an EU management plan for brown crab

The current drivers of effort in brown crab fisheries (Price & demand, increased effort, the Landing Obligation) have changed in recent years. It is important to be aware of such changes, inform stakeholders and assess:

1. Their effects on existing brown crab management measures.
2. The effects of new measures such as certification and Fisheries Improvement Projects (FIPs)
3. New data collection techniques and their effect on traditional scientific assessments
4. Scientific advice regarding management strategies for brown crab which can be applied in all jurisdictions

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