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# WORKING GROUP CHANNEL

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13 March 2023



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# Agenda

- 11:00 – 11:10 **1. Welcome and introductions**
- Welcome from the Secretariat
  - Apologies
  - Adoption of the agenda
  - Action points from the minutes of the last meeting (09 September 2022, virtual)
- 11:10 – 11:20 **2. WG Chair election**
- 11:20 – 11:50 **3. Management of the red mullet stock in the Channel**
- a. Presentation on the state of the stock by Raphael Girardin (Ifremer)
  - b. Questions and answers
- 11:50 – 12:30 **4. Update from Focus Groups:**
- a. Whelk
  - b. Scallop
  - c. Seabass
- 12:30 – 12:40 **5. Management of fishing effort in the Channel**
- 12:40 – 12:50 **6. Inputs on new Discard Plan**
- 12:50 – 13:00 **7. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair**



# Action points from the last meeting

1. Secretariat to update and finalise the choke traffic light tool based on today's discussions taking into account previous NWWAC advice.
2. The Secretariat will organise meetings for both FG Whelk and Scallop in October to follow up on previous recommendations.
3. The Secretariat to share link to DEFRA Focus Group on Dolphin Head HPMA and attend for reporting purposes only.
4. Secretariat to enquire the NWW MSG about information on flyshoot fishing activities in EU waters. If data is available, an ad-hoc group could be established to respond to the UK consultation on the matter.





2 Election of new Chair of Working Group 3

3 Management of the red mullet stock in the Channel  
– Raphael Gilardin, Ifremer

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# 5 Focus Group update

- a) Whelk
- b) Scallop
- c) Seabass



# Post 2023 Discard Plan

## Survivability exemptions:

- Norway Lobster
- Common sole
- Skates and rays
- Plaice
- Species caught in pots, traps and creels

## De minimis:

- whiting
- common sole
- haddock
- megrim



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Thank you.

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