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13 March 2024



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Agenda

14:00 – 14:10

1. Welcome and introductions

- Welcome from the Chair (Jean-Marie Robert)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the last meeting (13 September 2023)

14:10 – 14:45

2. Technical Measures in the Celtic Sea

- a. Update on EU-UK discussions
- b. Follow up on STECF EWG 23-15

14:45 – 15:05

3. NWW MS proposal for survivability exemption for spurdog

- a. Presentation by BIM
- b. Discussion

15:05 – 15:20

4. VMEs: follow up on STECF scoping meeting 20 February

15:20 – 15:25

5. AOB

15:25 – 15:30

6. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair



Action points from the last meeting

1. Members will send input to the consultation to the Secretariat by 20 September, matching the consultation format available online as much as possible. The Secretariat will then check which response format is possible and prepare draft advice based on previous advice and comments received from members.
2. The Secretariat will share an updated version of the traffic light choke spreadsheet after the meeting. Members will review it and send comments on West of Scotland stocks to the Secretariat.
3. Pending issues of catch composition and application of the technical measures regulation across MS will be addressed with EFCA directly.
4. The Secretariat will draft letter to the Commission requesting that ICES and STECF are asked to look into mesh sizes and derogations for hake respectively.
5. The Secretariat will draft a letter to the Commission on the need of constructive collaboration, specifically on technical matters.
6. Following the meeting on 26 September organised by DG MARE on VMEs, the AC will discuss how to follow up on this topic during ExCom meeting on 27 September.





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A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with bright golden light breaking through from behind the sun, creating a silhouette of a fishing vessel on the water in the foreground. The overall mood is serene and powerful.

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