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WORKING GROUP 3 - CHANNEL

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Agenda

12:00 – 12:10

1. Welcome and introductions

- Welcome by the Chair
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the minutes of the last meeting

12:10 – 12:30

2. Seabass

- Draft advice prepared by FG Seabass
- Updates from FMP briefing with UK

12:30 – 12:50

3. Scallop

- Follow up of DG MARE workshop on 17 September

12:50 – 13:00

4. Follow-up on the joint recommendation on squid

13:00 – 13:20

5. Review of draft advice on choke risk in the NWW

13:20 – 13:25

6. AOB

13:25 – 13:30

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

Action points from the last meeting

- 1 The Secretariat will keep members updated on EU-UK discussions on UK MPAs.
- 2 The Secretariat will keep members informed regarding Commission's next step in relation to the organisation of a workshop on scallop management with the UK.
- 3 Comments made following presentation of ICES advice will be taken into account in the preparation of the AC advice on Fishing Opportunities by the FG Landing Obligation. Members are invited to send any other contribution via email before the FG meeting on 24 July.

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Seabass FMP

The Bass FMP reviews current bass management in England and Wales and sets a direction to improve stock status and ensure benefits of bass fishing can be realised by the communities that depend on them. It recognises:

- the 2015 UK joint management approach, which has seen a significant increase in spawning stock biomass though recruitment remains low
- cultural, social, and economic contribution to coastal communities

Review the shore-netting provision, a limited derogation for a certain number of fixed shore nets agreed with the EU in 2021

Also establishing a domestic Bass Management Group to bring different sectors together

- to provide more collaborative, holistic approach to bass management
- to help deliver other FMP measures, such as reviewing domestic commercial authorisation process



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- Follow up of DG MARE workshop on 17 September



4. Follow-up on the joint recommendation on squid



A dramatic sunset or sunrise over the ocean. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with bright golden light breaking through in several places, creating a high-contrast scene. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a long, bright glow across the water. A small, dark silhouette of a ship is visible on the horizon line, positioned towards the right side of the frame. The overall mood is serene yet powerful.

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