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# WORKING GROUP 2 – CELTIC SEA & WEST OF SCOTLAND

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# Agenda

8:30 – 8:35

## **1 Welcome and introductions**

- Welcome from the Chair (Jean-Marie Robert)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the last meeting (10 March 2025)

08:35 – 09:25

## **2. ICES advice for the Celtic Sea – Joanne Morgan, ACOM Vice-Chair**

9:25 – 10:20

## **3. ICES advice for the West of Scotland – Joanne Morgan, ACOM Vice-Chair**

10:20 – 10:55

## **4. Updates on the VME socio-economic analysis:**

- Outcome of the STECF March plenary – Prof Ralf Döring, STECF
- Outcome of the European Court of Justice ruling on EU Deep-Sea Fisheries Regulation and longlining in VMEs – Caroline Alibert-Deprez, DG MARE

10:55 – 11:10

## **5. 2024 Nephrops survey in the Porcupine bank – Jonathan White, Sara-Jane Moore & Jennifer Doyle, Marine Institute**

11:10 – 11:15

## **6. AOB & Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair**

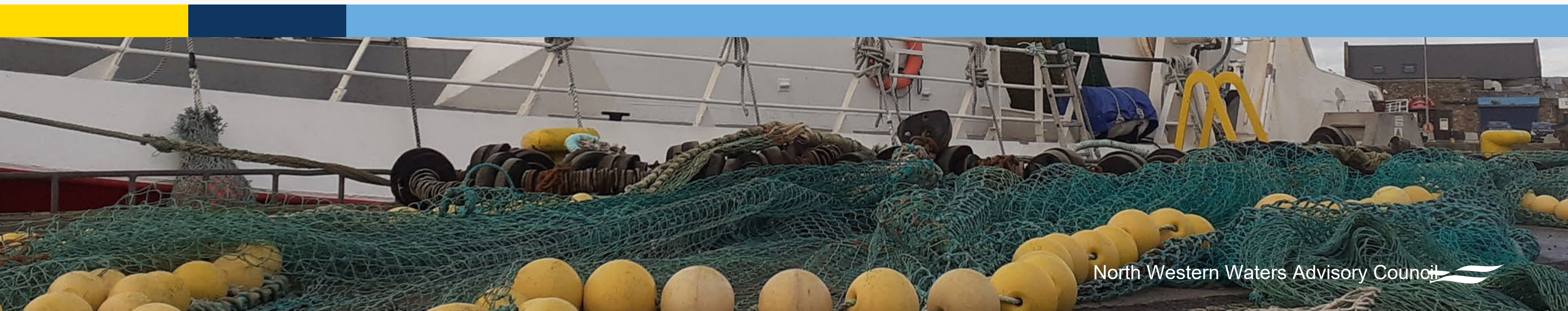
# Action points from the last meeting

- 1 Further engage with AZTI following the presentation and dissemination of the Northern Hake Stock dynamic.
- 2 Declining SSBs while MSY-fished : members agreed to further dig in regarding the causes of the bad recruitments that several stocks are facing, leading to decreasing SSBs for several important stocks. Though not very specific at this moment, the idea would be to further look at inter-specific predation (boarfish, bluefin tuna..), intra-specific mechanisms (cannibalism), and should include analysis regarding the data collection for food stomachs analysis, that we could encourage to be funded if necessary. Asking the EC to organize a specific request to ICES could be developed.
- 3 Include a presentation of the Nephrops Porcupine Survey by BIM during WG2 meeting in July.





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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 warm glow. In the foreground, the dark blue water of the ocean is visible. A small boat is silhouetted against the bright horizon line.

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