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WORKING GROUP 3 - CHANNEL

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Agenda

15:15 – 15:25

1 Welcome and introductions

- Welcome from the Chair (Manu Kelberine)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the last meeting (10 March 2025)

15:25 – 16:35

2. ICES advice for the Channel – Joanne Morgan, ACOM Vice-Chair

16:35 – 17:20

3. ICES presentation of the latest benchmark results – Joanne Morgan, ACOM Vice-Chair

- ICES Seabass benchmark results
- ICES Report on Plaice Stocks

17:20 – 17:30

4. Proposal to re-open the FG Whelk – Pauline Stephan, CNP MEM

17:30 – 17:35

5. AOB

17:35 – 17:45

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

Action points from the last meeting

- 1 Secretariat to contact ICES to present the seabass benchmark results to the FG seabass and discussion on the implications for advice and future management of stocks

Response received 19 03:

“The English bass management group has been set up specifically to help deliver the goals in the England and Wales Bass FMP published in December 2023. It would not therefore be appropriate for the NWWAC to sit on what is essentially a domestic management group. We are though working with the EU Commission to manage our engagement on FMPs, so there should be opportunities to engage through that mechanism”

Phil McBryde, Team Leader NQS Finfish Domestic Fisheries & Reform, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs

- 2 Secretariat to organise the next meeting of the FG Scallop to discuss technical measures
- 3 Working Group to follow the Member States Group's discussion on lemon sole and red mullet
- 4 Working Group to follow the results of the Benchmark on flatfish in the Eastern Channel and the related advice



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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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