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WORKING GROUP 2 – CELTIC SEA & WEST OF SCOTLAND

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10 March 2025



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Agenda

16:00 – 16:10

1. Welcome and introductions

- Welcome from the Vice- Chair (Jean-Maire Robert)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the last meeting (9 October 2024)

16:10 – 16:40

2. Update on EU-UK discussions – Norman Graham, DG MARE C.5

16:40 – 17:10

3. Update on hake in the Celtic Sea – Dorleta Garcia, AZTI

17:10 – 17:20

4. VMEs: follow up on STECF EWG on 3-7 March

17:20 – 17:25

5. AOB

17:25 – 17:30

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

Action points from the last meeting

- 1 The NWWAC will continue the liaison with STECF on VMEs and members will remain available to contribute to STECF analysis with data and interviews.
- 2 The NWWAC should follow up on the Commission's response to the AC letter on technical measures in the Celtic Sea, taking into account the new ICES advice, discussion at STECF EWG 24-16 and the impact of vessels decommissioning.
- 3 The Secretariat will share the updated choke spreadsheet and invite members to send their comments. The input received will feed the preparation of advice by the Focus Group Landing Obligation.
- 4 The NWWAC should draft advice to the Commission on stocks that urgently need their assessments improved through benchmark exercises.
- 5 The management of the hake northern stock should be kept on the agenda of this Working Group.



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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 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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