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# WORKING GROUP 3 - CHANNEL

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10 March 2025



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# Agenda

14:00 – 14:05

**1. Welcome and introductions**

- Welcome from the Chair (Manu Kelberine)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the last meeting (9 October 2024)

14:05 – 14:10

**2. Update on the work of the NWW MSG - Secretariat**

14:10 – 14:40

**3. EU-UK update – Norman Graham, DG MARE C.5**

14:40 – 15:20

**4. Decline of flatfish in the Eastern Channel – Raphaël Girardin, Ifremer**

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 The FG Seabass will meet again to find a compromise solution on the advice while the AC Chair will also review the current draft to develop a more balanced version.
- 2 The Secretariat will get in touch with UK authorities regarding observing the Bass Management Group.
- 3 The Focus Group Scallop should meet again once results from the Irish trials are available.
- 4 The NWWAC should draft advice to the Commission requesting that the joint recommendation on squid is brought forward.
- 5 The Secretariat will share the updated choke traffic light spreadsheet for members to provide inputs and contribute to the preparation of 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, dark silhouette of a ship or offshore structure is visible on the horizon line, positioned towards the right side of the frame.
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