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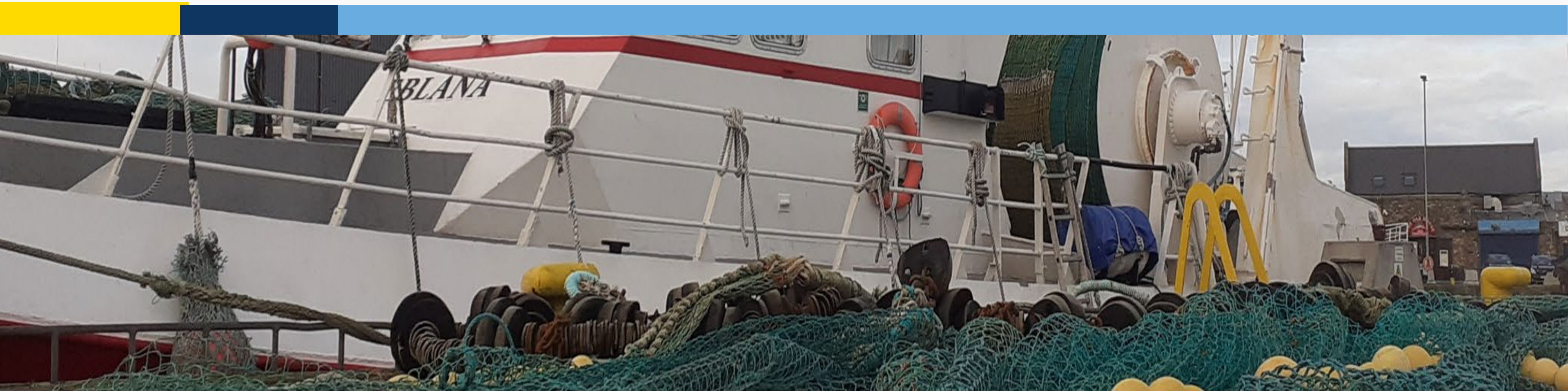
Agenda

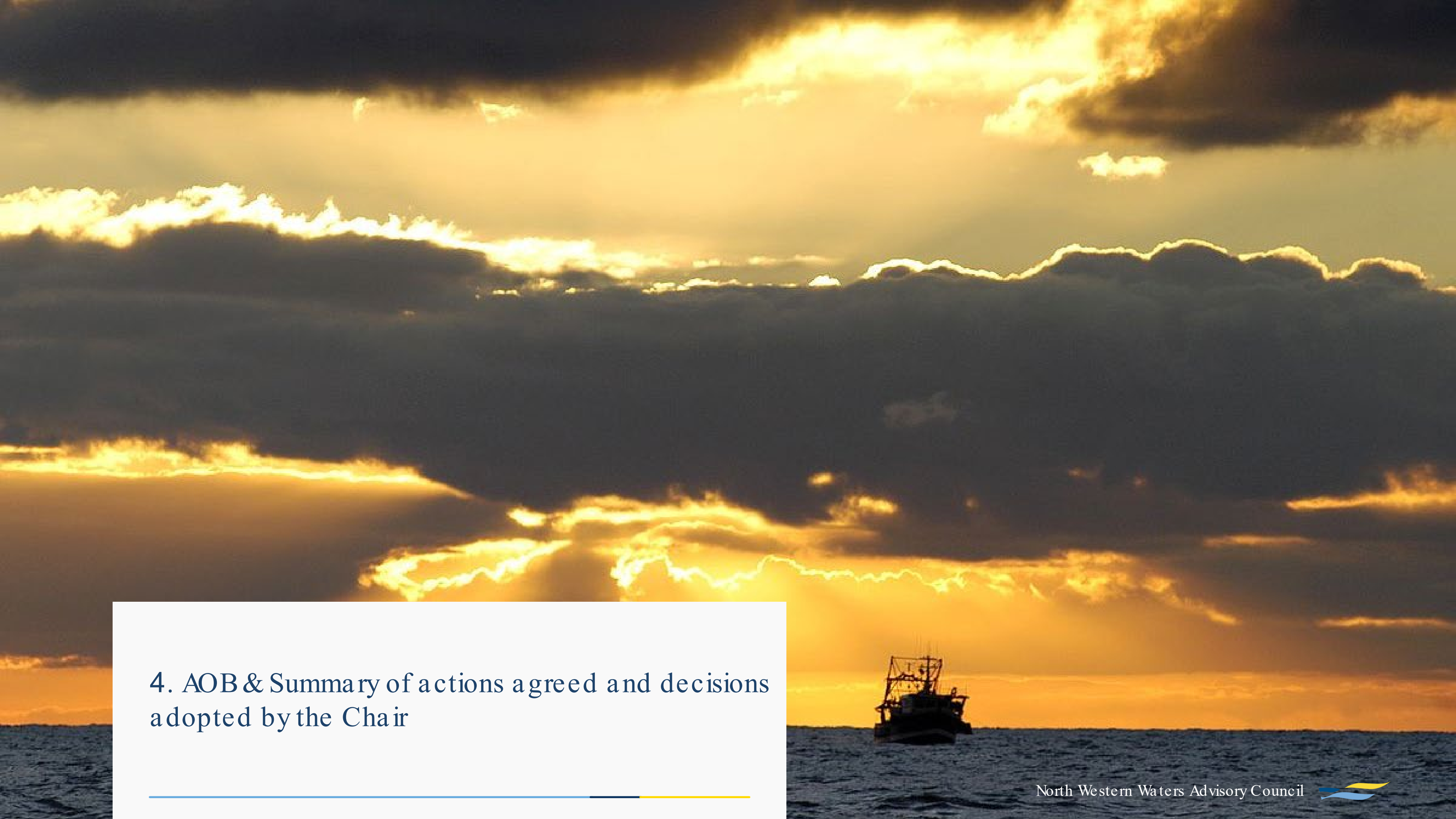
09:30 – 09:40	1. Welcome and introductions • Welcome from the Chair (Jean Marie Robert) • Apologies • Adoption of the agenda • Action points from the last meeting (03 July 2025)
09:40 – 10:30	2. Update on hake in the Celtic Sea • Dorleta Garcia, AZTI • Henrik Sparholt, Fisheries expert on biological reference points and species interaction
10:30 – 10:50	3. ICES presentation on the recent delivered TAC Advice 2026 for Cod 6.a – Dorleta Garcia, ACOM Vice-Chair
10:50 – 11:00	4. AOB & Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

Action points from the last meeting (03 July 2025, Vigo)

1. Members to send written queries for Joanne Morgan following her presentation to the Secretariat
2. Members to send feedback on the fishing opportunities advice to the Secretariat.
3. WG2 to follow up in more detail on the validity of the 2004 regulation relating to hake fishery in the Celtic Sea at the October meeting.
4. From March meeting: WG2 to further engage with AZTI following the presentation and dissemination of the Northern Hake Stock dynamic
5. From March meeting: 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-species predation (boarfish, bluefin tuna..), intra-species 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 organise a specific request to ICES could be developed.
6. Members to send additional queries for Prof. Döring to the Secretariat for written follow up.
7. Members to send additional queries for Caroline Alibert-Deprez to the Secretariat for written follow up.

2. **Update on hake in the Celtic Sea** – Dorleta Garcia, AZTI & Henrik Sparholt, Fisheries expert on biological reference points and species interaction
3. **ICES presentation on the recent delivered TAC Advice 2026 for Cod** – Dorleta Garcia, ACOM Vice-Chair



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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