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Groupe de Discussion sur le Bulot

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Agenda

14:00 – 14:10	1. Welcome and introductions • Welcome from the Chair (Xavier Tetard) • Adoption of the agenda • Apologies • Action points from the last meeting (05 December 2022)
14:10 – 14:20	2. Appointment of the new Focus Group Chair – Xavier Tetard & Alexandre Leclerc, CRPMEM
14:20 – 14:35	3. Discussion with Alexandre Leclerc (CRPMEM) on the management of the Whelk
14:35 – 15:20	4. Discussion with Laurence Hegron Mace – Smel, Synergie Mer et Littoral
15:20 – 15:30	5. AOB & Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

14:00 – 14:10	1. Accueil et presentations • Mot de bienvenue du Président (Xavier Tetard) • Adoption de l'ordre du jour • Excuses / Absences • Points d'action de la dernière réunion (05 décembre 2022)
14:10 – 14:20	2. Proposition et nomination du nouveau Président du Groupe de Discussion Bulot – Xavier Tetard & Alexandre Leclerc, CRPMEM
14:20 – 14:35	3. Discussion avec Alexandre Leclerc (CRPMEM) sur la gestion du bulot
14:35 – 15:20	4. Discussion avec Laurence Hegron Mace – Smel, Synergie Mer et Littoral
15:20 – 15:30	5. AOB & Résumé des actions convenues et des décisions adoptées par le Président

Action points from the last FG meeting (05 Dec. 2022)

1. Members agreed that the 2021 advice should be sent to the NWW Member States Group requesting a joint recommendation on whelk management in EU waters of ICES divisions 7d and 7e. They also agreed that this request should be sent in January, with the new Irish presidency starting.
2. The Secretariat will circulate next week an updated draft advice specifically addressing the NWW Member States with a request for a joint recommendation. The new advice will include an annex listing all available (or soon to be available) scientific evidence supporting the NWWAC management proposal.
3. Members will come back with comments on the advice and with sources of scientific evidence by 11 January.

Action point from WG3 meeting in Vigo, July 2025

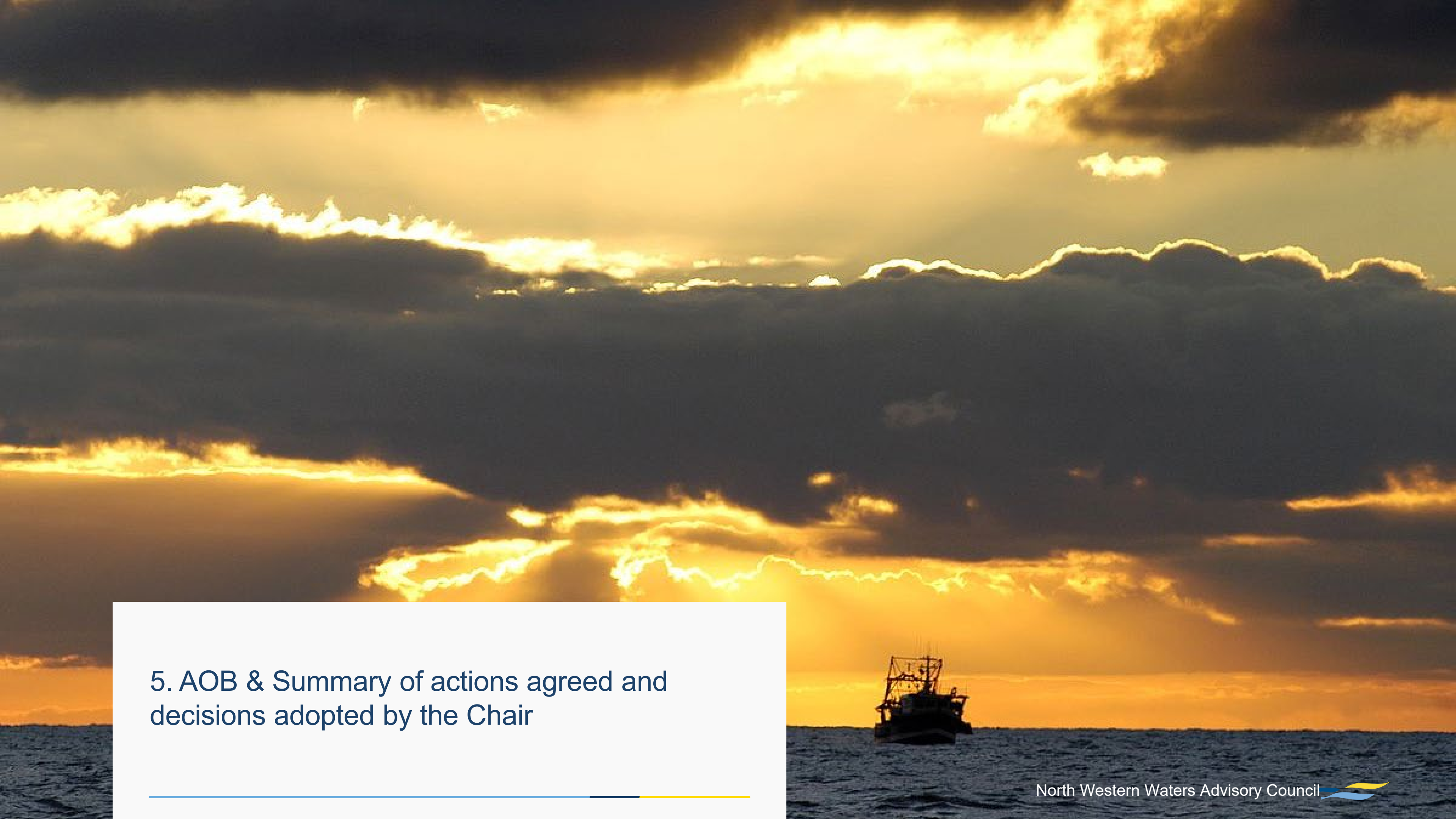
- Secretariat to initiate the reestablishment of the FG Whelk

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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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