



## Opening of the meeting

1. Opening of the meeting by the chairman of WG I, Mr Christian Olesen
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of WG meeting held on 29 April 2008

## 4. Herring Management Plans

### West of Scotland (Vla North)

- It was decided to keep pursuing this issue
- Letters were sent to the Commission, the Member States and the French presidency
- Derek Duthie gave a presentation at the Parliament Fisheries Committee
- Reply received by Commission
- Presidency proposes amendment

## 4. Herring Management Plans

### North Sea → ICES: optional changes

- Adjust F (2-6) from 0.25 to 0.20 and adjust F (0-1) from 0.12 to 0.05;
- Increase the SSB trigger point;
- Reduce the juvenile mortality to zero.

## 4. Herring Management Plans

### IIIa area (Western Baltic)

A draft Management Plan would be prepared as soon as possible, and the following points should be part of the plan:

- Target F should not be higher than 0.25;
- A 15% limit on the year-to-year variation in TAC should be included;
- A specific rule determining a fixed allocation between Division IIIa and Subdivisions 22-24 should be included.

## 5. Herring fishing opportunities 2009

### North Sea

ICES advice: 15% decrease

## 5. Herring fishing opportunities 2009

## IIIa area (Western Baltic)

- A documentation should be made, explaining the rationale behind the setting of this TAC
- In the mean time the RAC refrain from recommending on a TAC for 2009.

Agreed in ExCOM

## 5. Herring fishing opportunities 2009

## VIa North (West of Scotland)

- Set TAC according the P-RAC proposed management plan

## 5. Herring fishing opportunities 2009

## VIa South

- Decrease by 15% according to the Policy statement document

## 5. Herring fishing opportunities 2009

## Celtic Sea

- Develop management plan and decrease TAC with 15% according to the Policy Statement document

## 5. Herring fishing opportunities 2009

## Irish Sea

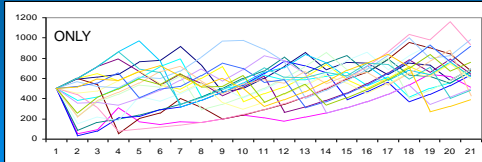
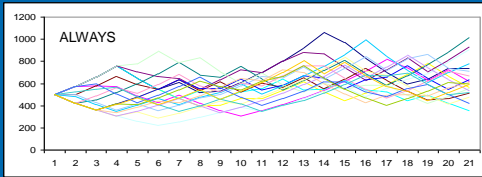
- Given that the state of the stock is unknown, the Pelagic RAC recommends to follow the advice from ICES and a status quo TAC be set for 2009, i.e. 4800 tons.

Agreed in ExCOM

## 6. Mackerel management options

1. Given that the proportions of age 7+ presented by John Simmonds were all in the region 38-44% Do you agree that age structure is not an important criteria in choosing a management option to go forward with?

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2. When considering these general patterns, do you prefer the IAV-limitation to apply ALWAYS or ONLY?

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3. In the case you chose ALWAYS: Which IAV limitation would you prefer to be set? (the year-to-year and average IAV will then always be below this)

10% → (expected average CATCH 623 and average IAV 9.1)  
 15% → (expected average CATCH 634 and average IAV 12.7)  
 20% → (expected average CATCH 642 and average IAV 16.5)  
 25% → (expected average CATCH 647 and average IAV 19.5)

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4. In the case you chose ONLY: Which IAV limitation would you prefer to be set? (the IAV might be high occasionally (the steep drops), resulting in an average IAV that is higher.

10% → (expected average CATCH 623 and average IAV 9.1)  
 15% → (expected average CATCH 626 and average IAV 16.8)  
 20% → (expected average CATCH 634 and average IAV 19.6)  
 25% → (expected average CATCH 650 and average IAV 22.8)

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5. Once a regime with a specified variability is selected do you wish to use the method that supplies the highest catch?

## 7. Douglas Bank closure

Annex 2

End of Meeting

Thank you.

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Outcome:

HCR: