

**Agenda Pelagic RAC Focus Group meeting on blue whiting. 18 November 2010
at the WWF office in Brussels**

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Lunch will be provided between 13:00 and 14:00

- 11:00
- (1) Opening of meeting and introduction by chairman Sean O'Donoghue
 - (2) Approval of the agenda and preliminary terms of reference

Stakeholders' views: what do they want?

- (3) Discussion on industry views of scientific assessment and advice
- (4) Exchange of views on the objectives from an industry perspective: how would stakeholders ideally see the BWH stock being managed, taking into account where they wish, when they fish and what their markets desire etc.
- (5) Design questionnaire to enable input from all fisheries as was done at the start of the work by the horse mackerel FG (see attached template for example)

Scientists' views: what do they know?

- (6) Presentation by Dankert Skagen (t.b.c.) on assessments in general and what the trade-offs are between the knowledge base and how you can assess /manage the resource.
- (7) Presentation by David Miller on the current assessment focussing on types of data inputs, data quality, assumptions in the model and how the assessment framework deals with the input data
- (8) Discussion on the performance of the current management plan
- (9) Discussion on what is possible to measure and how precisely, given the current data inputs and assessment methodology. What are the limitations to this approach?

Follow up: when, where and who should do what?

- (10) Final Terms of Reference for the Focus Group
 - (11) Time line and resource requirements for future work including next meeting date
- 16:00
- (12) A.O.B.
 - (12) End of meeting

