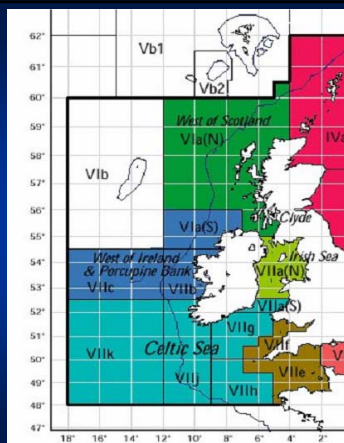


## Towards a Rebuilding plan for Celtic Sea Herring

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## Celtic Sea Herring Management Advisory Committee

- Innovative Committee. First of its kind in Ireland
- Stakeholder consultation enshrined in EU decision making.
  - Opportunity for the Committee to effect management decisions.
  - Painful decisions



## Celtic Sea Herring

- ICES Requires a Re-Build Plan
  - NO Fishing without Plan
- Modest Fishery
  - Current Quota 9393t
- Local Economic Importance
  - Includes Inshore Fishery
- **ACCESS to Scientific Advise**

## Options 1

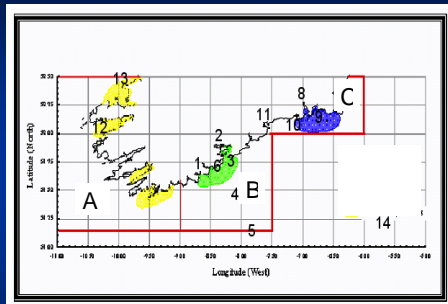
- Further Reductions in Quota
  - 15% PA
  - Successive years.
- Would Render Fishery Meaningless!!

## OPTION 2

- Freeze Quota @ existing Level
  - i.e. 2007 Quota
    - 2007 is 15% reduction on 2006
- Retain 2007 Quota for 3 Years
- Focus on Spawning & Recruitment
  - Use Closed Areas

## Option 2 (cont)

- Close Spawning Box C
  - Dunmore Box
  - Locally controversial
  - Conduct Spawning & Recruitment surveys
    - Irish Marine Institute
- Establish local Sentinel fishery
  - Max 8% of Quota



## OPTION 2

- TAC to be adjusted in event of ICES confirmation of improvement in stock status
- KEY POINTS
  - Retain Existing Quota
  - Close KEY spawning ground
    - Make provision for small Inshore FVs

## Recommendation

OPTION 2  
As per paper Circulated

## Re-Build Plan

- Medium Term Aim
  - 12000 /15000 tonnes
  - 20 000 Tonnes NOT considered attainable
- Reconciling Scientific opinion
  - E.g. Cod Situation
  - Knowledge of recruitment

## Proposal

- Freeze Quota @Existing Level
- Close Key Spawning Ground