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Where were we ?





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Extract from ACFM advice:

With the current low recruitment, medium-term simulations show that the SSB will fluctuate around 1.1 million tonnes if the realised fishing mortalities are at the level intended in the agreed HCR.



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Extract from ACFM advice:

Medium-term simulations suggest that at the current low recruitment, future catches of between 200-240 kt could probably be taken.



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Extract from ICES additional calculations:

Results for the prediction year 2008, low R (22 966 million OWR):

F-values by fleet and total Catches('000t)by fleet SSB(mill.t)
(Extra Option 220 000 t landings of fleet A in each year 2008-2011)

FA	FB	FC	FD	F 0- 1	F 2- 6	CA	CB	CC	CD	SB2008
0.20	0.04	0.02	0.01	0.07	0.22	220	13	12	1	1.0



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Extract from ICES additional calculations:

Extra option 220 000 t landings of fleet A in each year 2008-2011

	FA	FB	FC	FD	CA	CB	CC	CD	SSB
2009	0.21	0.04	0.02	0.01	220	14	16	6	0.9
2010	0.21	0.04	0.02	0.01	220	12	16	6	1.0
2011	0.21	0.04	0.02	0.01	220	14	17	6	1.0



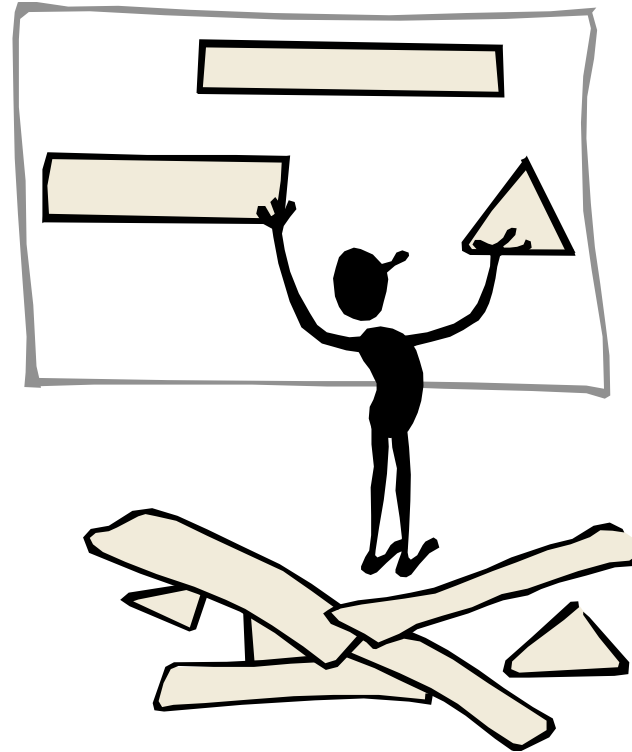
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Chair's proposal

- **Postpone review of harvest control rule until 2010**
- **Take time-out for 3 years**
- **Use the next 3 years to (let ICES)**
 - Find reasons for poor recruitment
 - Establish robust reference points
- **Set TAC for each of the next 3 years:**
 - **Fleet A** **220.000 tons**
 - **Fleet B** **14.000 tons**
 - **Fleet C** **13.000 tons NS herring**
 - **Fleet D** **6.000 tons NS herring**

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Where does this take us?





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Extract from Commission's Policy Statement 2007

For stocks outside safe biological limits, TAC should be set

- as a general rule, to the forecast catch established by STECF as corresponding to bringing the stock inside safe biological limits in 2008, but **no more than 15% higher or lower than the TAC in 2006**,
- however, the TAC will in no case be set at a level that will lead to an **increase in fishing mortality** nor to a **decrease in spawning biomass**, even if this means a bigger reduction in the TAC than 15%



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Extract from Commission's Policy Statement 2008

Setting TACs for stocks outside safe biological limits

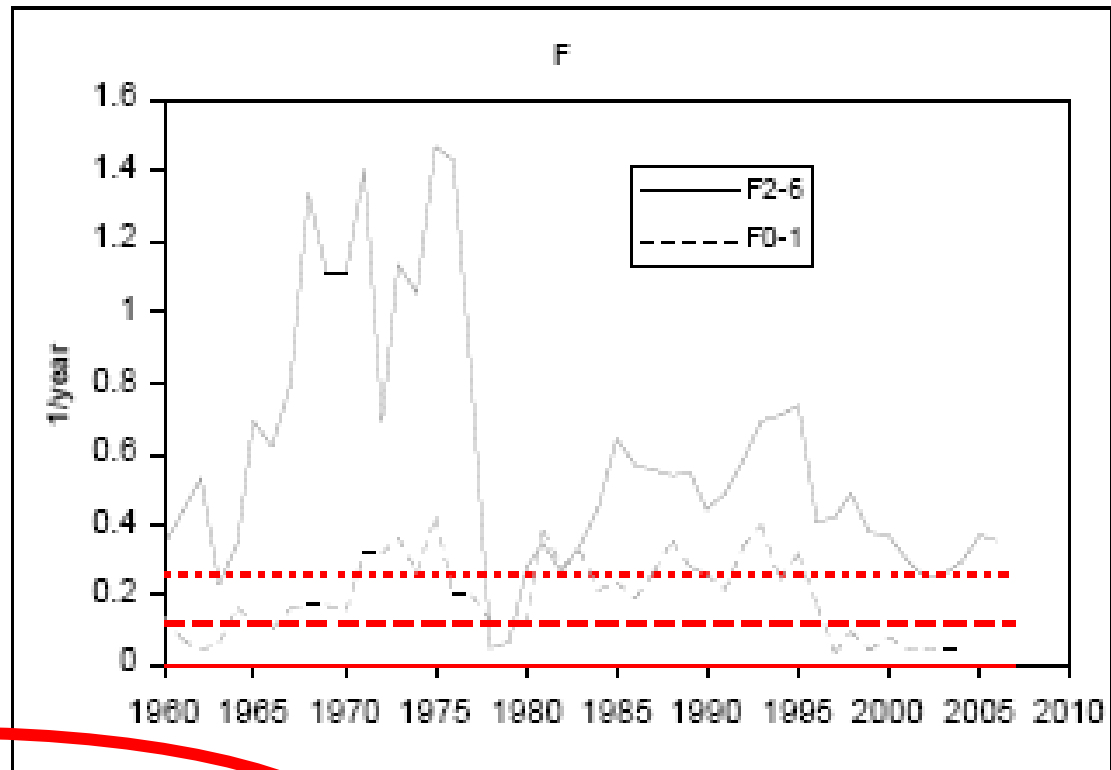
In order to return such stocks to within safe limits, fishing opportunities should be set that will reduce fishing mortality, which may mean reducing TACs by more than 15%. Whereas in the "Policy Statement" for 2007 it was envisaged not to propose fishing opportunities that would result in further deteriorations in stock status, a more positive approach could be needed, e.g. leading to movements towards safe biological limits at a reasonably rapid rate.



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Fishing mortality:

Has been above 0.25
for years

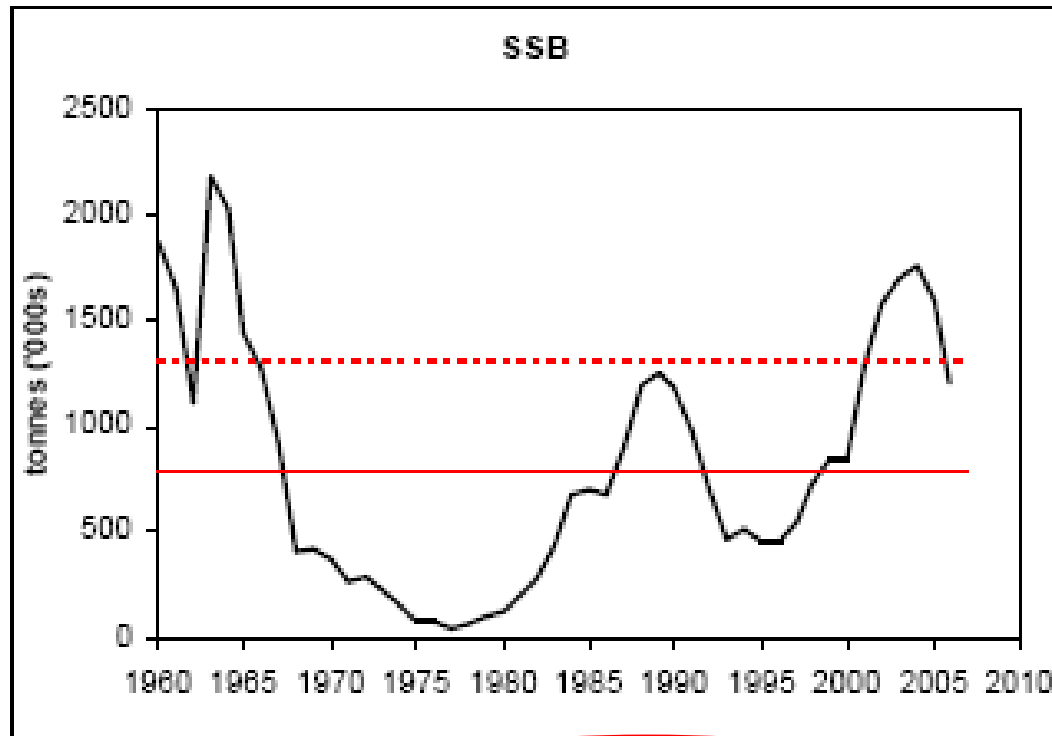


With proposal, it will be around 0.23

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SSB:

Has only been
above 1 mill tonnes
for a short period
And SSB 2007
is estimated at
968.000 tonnes

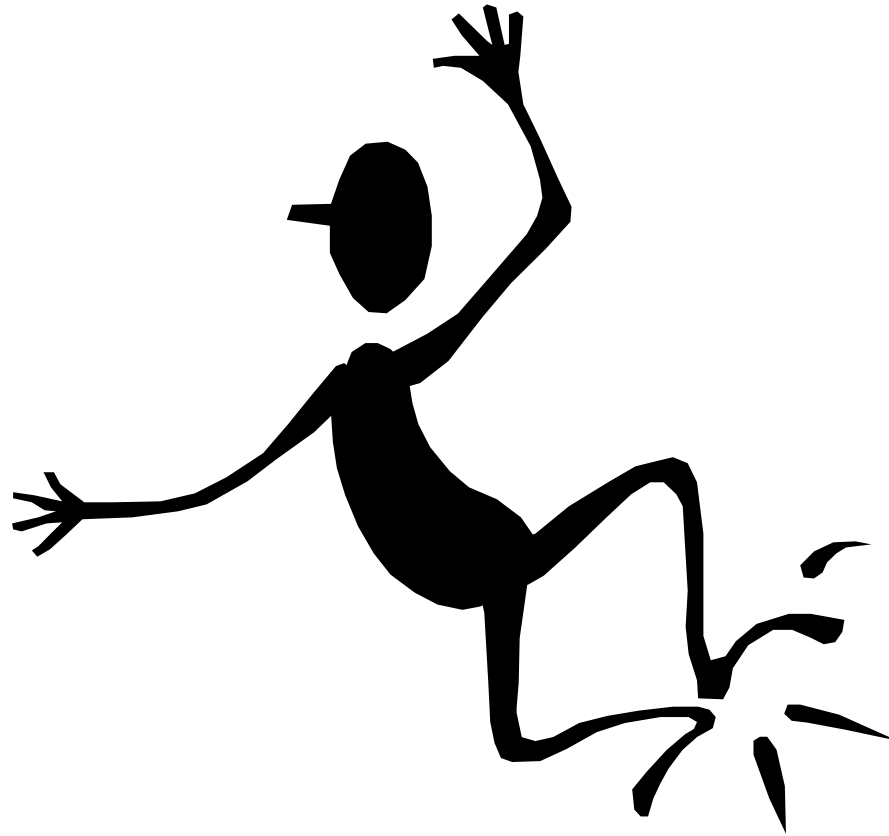


With proposal, it will be maintained at or around 1 million tonnes



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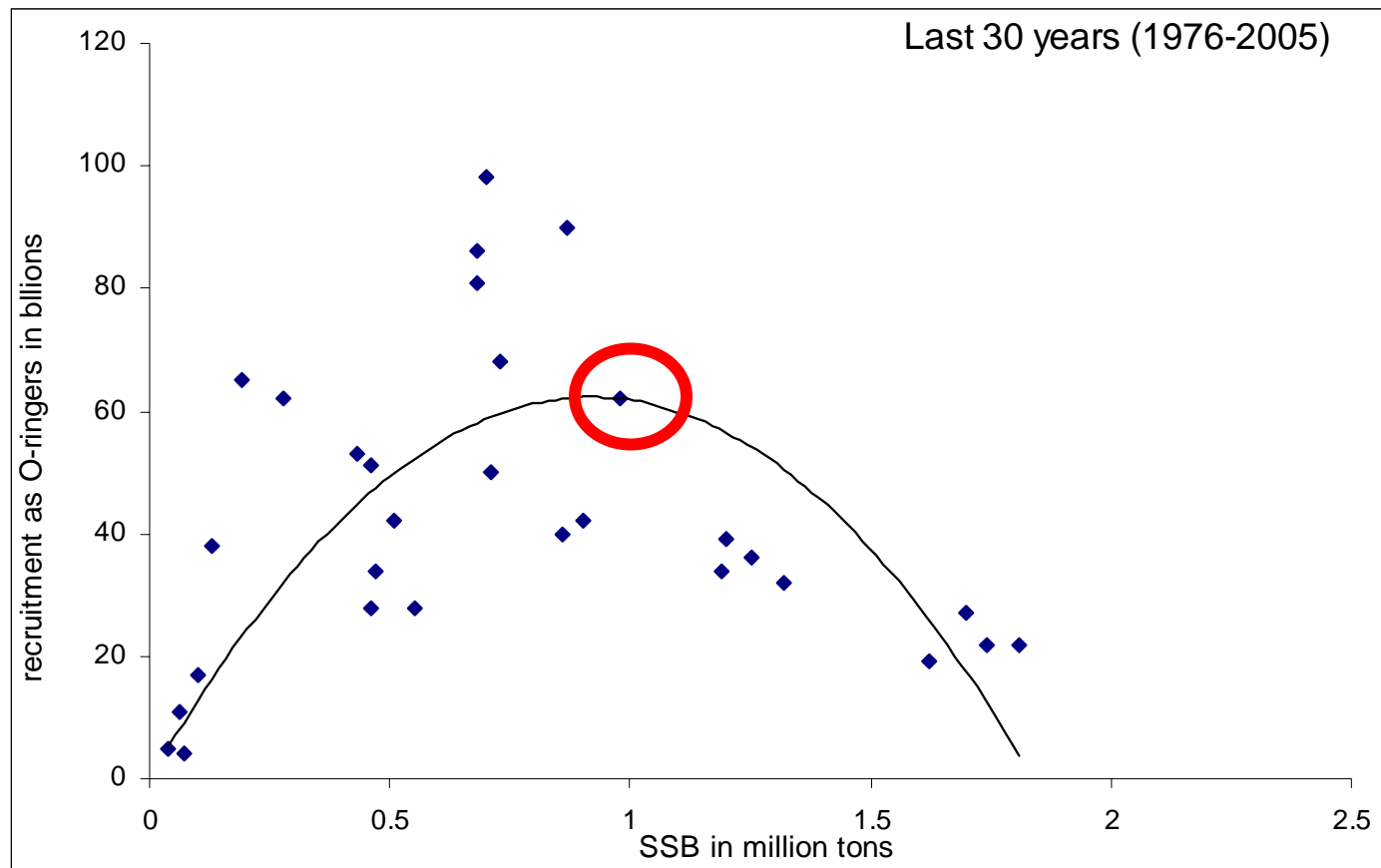
So the 2 criteria set by the Commission are met





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Stock/recruitment relationship





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SSB will be maintained at (or close to) the optimal point in relation to recruitment.

Reference points have been disputed.

Proposal will give time to make new calculations and find consensus.

Markets will have a chance to adapt to the new situation – with the certainty that it is stable for 3 years

The 3 years can also be used to include the economic dimension in the new Management Plan

Make economic assessments ?

