

Working Group I meeting



Chaired by Christian Olesen

Amsterdam – 16 September 2009

Opening of the meeting



1. Opening of the meeting by Christian Olesen
2. Approval of the agenda
3. Approval of the minutes of WG I meeting held on 23 June 2009

4. Fishing opportunities several herring stocks



4. Herring – Vla North



TAC 2009: 21 760 t

Advice for 2010:

ICES advises on the basis of the agreed management plan. This corresponds to catches weighing no more than 24 420 t in 2010.

Recommendation: follow ICES advice?

4. Herring – Vla South



TAC 2009: 9 314 t

Advice for 2010:

The updated exploratory assessment available for this stock does not change the perception of the stock and does not give reason to change the advice from 2008. i.e. that:

"a rebuilding plan be put in place that will reduce catches. If no rebuilding plan is established, there should be no fishing. The rebuilding plan should be evaluated with respect to the precautionary approach".

Recommendation: Rebuilding plan? Annex 1.

4. Herring – Celtic sea



TAC 2009: 5 918 t

Advice for 2010:

Considering the options below, ICES advises on the basis of exploitation boundaries in relation to existing management plans that fishing mortality in 2010 could be increased to 0.19 corresponding to catches of 10 150 t.

Recommendation: follow the ICES advice?

4. Herring – Irish sea

TAC 2009: 4 800 t

Advice for 2010:

The new landings and survey data available for this stock do not change the perception of the stock and do not give reason to change the basis of the advice from 2008. (i.e. catches up to 4 800 t)

In addition, the WHESTER results will be available before advice in 2010. Subsequently, the advice for 2011 will be updated

Recommendation: roll-over?

4. Herring - North sea

TAC 2009: Fleet A: 171 000 t
Fleet B: 15 985 t

Advice for 2010:

ICES advises on the basis of the agreed EU–Norway management plan. Following the agreed management plan implies catches of 164 300 t for fleet A and 10 400 t for fleet B in 2010 in the North Sea.

Recommendation: follow ICES advice?

4. Herring – III a

TAC 2009: Fleet C: 37 722 t
Fleet D: 8 373 t

Advice for 2010:

ICES advises on the basis of exploitation boundaries in relation to long-term yield that fishing at the candidate F_{msy} fishing mortality (0.25) implies catches in 2010 not larger than 39 800 t in the entire distribution area.

Recommendation: Same P-RAC advice as last year?

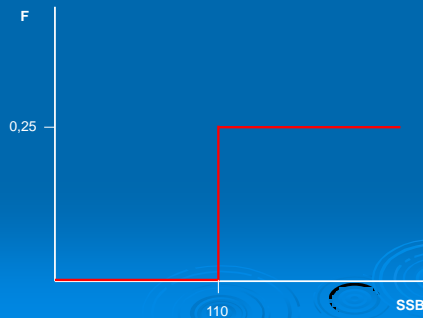
4. Herring – Western Baltic

- Multi-annual and Multi-species management plan for the Baltic based on a separate set of parameters for each stock:

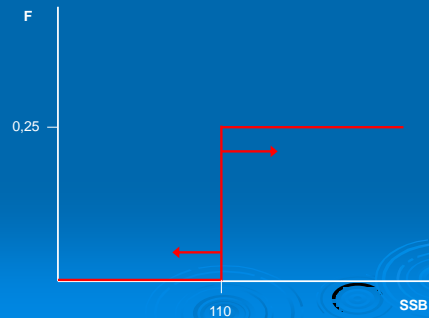
- [A] Fishing mortality
- [B] Inter Annual Variation limit in TAC
- [C] Trigger biomass

(if SSB falls under this level, [B] would not apply. ICES was requested to propose a TAC setting calculation for such cases)

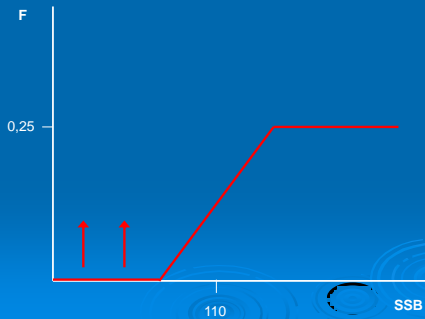
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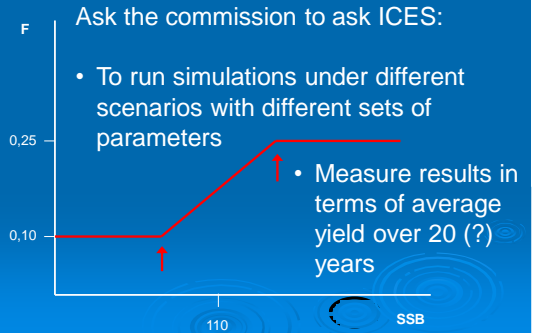
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5. Carry-over rules

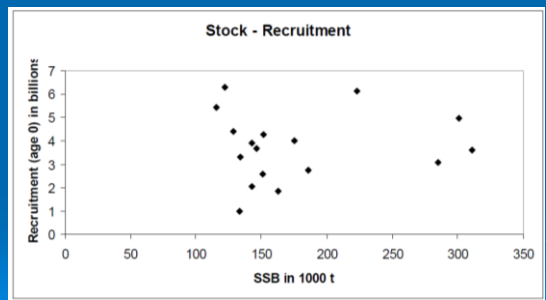
- Presentation by the secretariat

6. A.O.B.

End of WG I Meeting

Thank you.

Western Baltic herring



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	Western Baltic herring (*)
[A] Fishing mortality [A] (year ⁻¹)	< 0.25
Annual TAC variation	15
[B] [B] (± percentage)	
Spawning-stock biomass trigger	None
[C] [C] ('000 t)	
Probability of SSB ₂₀₁₅ < [C]	< 5% (**)
B _{lim} ('000 t)	110 (***)
When SSB < B _{lim}	F = 0
F when B _{lim} < SSB < [C]	Not Applicable
Spawning-stock biomass in 2015	(*)
SSB ₂₀₁₅ ('000 t)	(*)
Yield in 2015	(*)
Y ₂₀₁₅ ('000 t)	(*)

From ICES advice:

- Multi-annual management plan for the Baltic

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