



## Executive Committee meeting

8 October 2015, Edinburgh, UK



### Agenda

10:00	Opening of the meeting
10:05	Welcome speech by Richard Lochhead
10:15	Adoption of the agenda
10:20	Follow-up on action items
10:25	Report of the ecosystem focus group
10:40	A multi-species model in the North Sea (Steve Mackinson)
11:05	PelAcoustics project (Sascha Fässler)
11:25	Advice from Working Group I
11:40	Advice from Working Group II
11:55	AOB
12:00	End of meeting



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### Follow-up on action items



- Decide how to proceed with the draft MoU between the Pelagic AC and the Member States at October meeting (Executive Committee)
- Set up meeting with control experts of the Member States (chairman, secretariat)
- Find out why Via North herring was listed as overfished in the policy statement (Frederik Schutyser)
- Submit comments to the policy statement to the secretariat by 31 July 2015 (Executive Committee)
- Send letter, possibly jointly with other ACs, to the directors of the regional groups requesting to discuss control more openly (chairman, secretariat)
- Share the outcome of discussions in the North Sea AC on control (Irene Kingma)
- Deal with questions submitted to EDF offline (chairman, secretariat)

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

### Ecosystem focus group

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### A multi-species model for the North Sea

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### PelAcoustics project

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## Advice from Working Group I

### Blue whiting:

The Pelagic AC strongly encourages Coastal States to agree on a multiannual management strategy for the blue whiting stock. The current situation of no international agreement in combination with a highly uncertain assessment leading to significant jumps in yearly TAC advice by ICES is unsatisfactory for successfully managing the stock.

The Pelagic AC further encourages Coastal States to explore the original management strategy developed by the Pelagic AC and endorsed by ICES.



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## Advice from Working Group I

### Atlanto-Scandian herring:

The Pelagic AC recommends following the existing management plan and to set the TAC at 316.876 tonnes accordingly. Furthermore article 20a of Council Regulation 850/1998 prohibiting catches of herring in Union waters of ICES area IIa during the larger part of the year should be deleted or otherwise derogated from.



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## Advice from Working Group I

### North Sea horse mackerel:

The Pelagic AC supports the ICES advice and recommends setting the TAC at 15.200 tonnes. Furthermore ongoing research carried out by members of the Pelagic AC in collaboration with IMARES on stock identification and developing abundance indices is being supported.



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## Advice from Working Group II



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## AOB

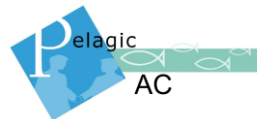
- Set up focus group on control and landing obligation



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## Thank you!



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