

Executive Committee meeting

2 October 2014, Den Haag, The Netherlands

Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Follow-up on action items
4. Advice from Working Group I
5. Advice from Working Group II
6. Memorandum of Understanding with Member States (draft from Pew)
7. AOB
8. End of meeting



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Follow-up on action items

- Check with the Commission whether mandatory seats for EU industry can be included in the articles of association (secretariat) ✓
- Submit comments to the Commission's policy statement in writing to the secretariat (everybody) ✓



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Advice from Working Group I

Atlanto-Scandian herring:

- Follow management plan
- Repeat concerns over unilateral quotas

Mackerel:

- Follow MSY in 2015
- Follow new management plan if found precautionary in 2016, otherwise continue with MSY
- Underline need for strengthening science, especially egg survey
- Underline need for adequate control and enforcement



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Advice from Working Group I

North Sea herring:

- Follow 2014 management plan
- Apply TAC constraint only to A fleet

Western Baltic spring spawning herring:

- No TAC advice
- Encourage the development of a management plan and clear TAC setting procedure



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Advice from Working Group I

Via South and VIIb,c herring:

- Wait until after benchmark before giving advice

Irish Sea herring:

- Follow MSY in 2015
- Emphasize the need for a management plan



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Advice from Working Group II

Southern horse mackerel:

- **Follow MSY approach**
- **TAC 2015 = 71,824 t**



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Advice from Working Group II

North Sea horse mackerel:

- **No TAC advice**
- **Emphasize the need for more data**
 - **Stock boundaries and mixing**
 - Utilizing (past) catch records pelagic freezer-trawlers
 - Active engagement fishing industry sample collection
- **Stock indicators**
- Derive an index of abundance
- Explore French 3rd quarter CGFS survey in Vlied with the 3rd quarter IBTS survey in the North Sea



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Advice from Working Group II

Western horse mackerel:

- **Follow MSY approach**
- **TAC 2015 = 99,304 t.**
- **Finalise Management Plan**



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Advice from Working Group II

Boarfish:

- **Follow DLS approach**
- **TAC 2015 = 53,296 t**
- **Recommend again boarfish covered under the DCF**
- **Continue acoustic survey**
- **Revisit management plan**



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Advice from Working Group II

Blue whiting:

- **Accept that existing management plan with $F = 0.18$ is no longer appropriate**
- **Seek adoption at upcoming Coastal States meeting of a new management plan**
- **Actively promote PAC Blue Whiting management plan**



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MoU with Member States

- Proposals through collaboration rather than parallel processes
- Sharing of data and draft proposals at an early stage
- All parties clarify the highest priorities
- MS and Commission should attend AC meetings
- AC representatives should participate in all MS meetings, at least for the appropriate parts:
 - Observers in HLG meetings, invited experts in technical meetings
- Response to AC recommendation sets out how the recommendation has been taken into account and gives reasons for divergence
- AC, Commission and MS share information on work plans asap



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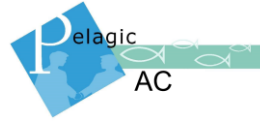
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Thank you and safe travels!



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