



## Working Group I meeting

2 July 2013, Amsterdam, The Netherlands

## Agenda

- 1) Opening of the meeting
- 2) Approval of the agenda
- 3) Fishing opportunities 2014 (Carmen Fernandez)
  - Western Baltic herring
  - North Sea herring
  - West of Scotland herring
  - Via South, VILC,d herring
  - Celtic Sea & South of Ireland herring
  - Irish Sea herring
- 4) Adoption of Pelagic RAC advice
- 5) Presentation by Lotte Worsøe Clausen on herring spawning grounds
- 6) Question round / discussion
- 7) AOB
- 8) End of meeting



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## Fishing opportunities for 2014

Presentation of ICES advice by  
Carmen Fernandez (ACOM vice-chair)

## Fishing opportunities for 2014

Recommendations from the Pelagic RAC



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## WBSS herring

Benchmark 2013:

- Introduction of full statistical assessment model (SAM)
  - Change of stock perception
  - Fishing mortality revised upwards
  - SSB revised downwards

## Herring in IIIa and 22-24

TACs

- TAC 2013 = 55 kt
- Assumed catch of WBSS in 2013 = 50 kt (100% (F-fleet), 60% (C-fleet), and 50% (D-fleet))
- SSB(2013) = 106 kt (below MSY  $B_{trigger}$ )

Management Objective (s)	Total	IIIa		
		Fleet F	Fleet C	Fleet D
MSY approach	49.8kt	18.6 kt	27.4 kt	3.8 kt
MSY transition	52.9 kt	19.8 kt	29.1 kt	4.0 kt



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## Herring in IIIa and 22-24

Agreed record for 2013:

- The Delegations noted that catches of herring in ICES Division IIIa consist of herring from several stocks and that the absence of a method for establishing a TAC for herring in this area is not satisfactory. The Delegations therefore agreed to establish a Working Group on management measures for herring in ICES Division IIIa (Skagerrak)



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## Herring in IIIa and 22-24

Meeting held 19-20 June:

Norwegian proposal:

- TAC for herring in the Skagerrak is set as a sum of two components,
  - a fixed % of the TAC for NSAS in the North Sea, plus
  - a fixed % of the ICES advice for the WBSS. The ICES advice is based on a MSY approach for that stock.



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## Herring in IIIa and 22-24

PRAC recommendation?



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## North Sea herring

- TAC 2013 = 478 kt
- Assumed catch in 2013 = 497 kt (including 40% transfer from IIIa quota)
- SSB(2013) = 1 996 kt (above  $B_{pa}$ , above  $B_{trigger}$ )

Management Objective (s)	Catches in 2014 (A fleet)	SSB in 2014
LTM plan (which invokes the 15% limit on TAC change)	470 kt	1 508 kt
No change in TAC	478 kt	1 498 kt
MSY approach	503 kt	1 467 kt



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## North Sea herring

PRAC recommendation?



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## West of Scotland herring advice

- TAC 2013 = 27.480 t
- SSB 2013 = 101.920 t
- ICES advises on the basis of the Management Plan

Management Objective (s)	Catches in 2014
The agreed management Plan (limited by +20%)	No more than 28.067 t
The MSY approach	No more than 28.067 t



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## West of Scotland herring

- PRAC recommendation?



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## VlaSouth and VIIb,c herring advice

- TAC 2013 = 1.500 t
- ICES advises on the basis of precautionary considerations that there should be no catches unless a rebuilding plan is implemented

Management Objective (s)	Catches in 2014
Precautionary approach	No catches



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## VlaSouth and VIIc,d herring

- PRAC recommendation?



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## Celtic Sea & South of Ireland herring advice

- TAC 2013 = 17 200 t
- SSB (2013/2014) = 156 355 t
- ICES advises on the basis of the MSY approach

Management Objective (s)	Catches in 2014
Advise on the basis of the MSY approach	35 942 t
Proposed Long Term Management plan	22 360 t



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## Celtic Sea & South of Ireland herring

- PRAC recommendation?



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## Irish Sea herring advice

- TAC 2013 = 4993 t
- SSB 2014 = 22 864 t
- ICES advises on the basis of the MSY approach

Management Objective (s)	Catches in 2014
Advise on the basis of the MSY approach	5251 t



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## Irish Sea herring

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- PRAC recommendation?

## Presentation by Lotte Worsøe Clausen

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Identification of herring spawning grounds



## Questions / discussion / AOB

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Thank you

