

Working Group I meeting

8 July 2015, Den Haag, The Netherlands

Agenda

- 10:00 Opening of the meeting by the chairman
- 10:05 Adoption of the agenda
- 10:10 Follow-up on action items
- 10:30 Fishing opportunities for 2016: presentation of ICES advice
 - North Sea herring
 - Western Baltic spring spawning herring
- 11:10 Adoption of Pelagic AC advice:
 - North Sea herring
 - Western Baltic spring spawning herring
- 11:30 Update on ecosystem focus group
- 11:45 AOB
- 12:00 End of meeting



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Update on blue whiting

Commission's view on PELAC blue whiting management plan:

- ICES evaluated the plan to be precautionary in 2012
- Coastal States thought double-plateau model was overly complicated and did not offer significant benefits
- New plan has been submitted to ICES by the Coastal States:
 - Traditional harvest control rule
 - F of 0.22, 0.25 and 0.3
 - TAC stabilizer of 20%
 - F stabilizer of 10 or 15%
 - Inter-annual flexibility of 10 or 20%



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- Find out whether old horse mackerel samples can be re-used for new genetic analysis (Sean O'Donoghue)
- Call upon Member States to set up one regional group dealing with pelagic management plans instead of multiple groups (Sean O'Donoghue, Esben Sverdrup-Jensen)
- Contact Martin Pastoors if interested in contributing to MYFISH work on trade-offs between herring and sprat (Working Group I members)



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Fishing opportunities 2016

Presentation of ICES advice by Eskild Kirkegaard, chair of ACOM



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North Sea autumn spawning herring

- TAC 2015 = 445.329 t
- Assumed catch in 2015 = 492.073 t (including 46% transfer of C-Fleet TAC to North Sea)
- SSB(2015) = 2.193.873 t (above B_{pa} , above $B_{trigger}$)

Management Objectives	Catch in 2016 in t (A-Fleet)	Total catch in t	Change in TAC advice A-Fleet (%)	SSB in 2016 in t
Management plan	518.242	555.086	+16	2.680.652
Fmsy	589.360	626.760	+32	2.632.220



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Western Baltic spring spawning herring

- TAC 2015 = 43.604 t
- Assumed catch in 2015 = 41.483 t (including 46% transfer of C-Fleet TAC to North Sea)
- SSB(2015) = 129.845 t (above B_{pa} , above $B_{trigger}$)

Management Objectives	Catch in 2016 in t	Change in TAC (%)	SSB in 2016 in t
Fmsy	52.547	+18.2	141.251
TAC-setting procedure (Not updated MSY)	46.733	+5.2	141.803



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Update on ecosystem focus group

- Work is well underway. Time frame was too short
- Will be finalized over the summer and presented in October
- Focus group identified 7 terms of reference
 - 1) People as part of the ecosystem
 - 2) GES of food webs and the significance of PELAC stocks in the food web
 - 3) Deterioration of habitats
 - 4) Reference points in multispecies/ecosystem context
 - 5) Basis for the value of natural mortality
 - 6) Density dependency
 - 7) Bycatch of PET species



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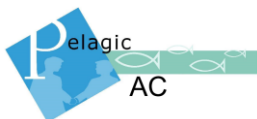
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Thank you!



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