



Working Group I meeting

21 April 2016, Den Haag, The Netherlands

Agenda

- 12:15 Opening of the meeting
- 12:20 Adoption of the agenda
- 12:25 Follow-up on action items
- 12:35 Atlanto-Scandian herring
 - Benchmark results
- 12:50 North Sea herring
 - Update on work on herring spawning grounds
 - Presentation on the sprat box on the Danish west coast
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Blue whiting
 - Results of the inter-benchmark
- 14:15 North Sea horse mackerel
 - Update on PFA research plan
- 14:25 Ecosystem focus group
- 14:40 AOB
- 14:45 End of meeting



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Action items

General

- Link with the ocean tracking network to support the work of the ecosystem focus group (Atlantic Salmon Trust)
- Draft proposal on how to move forward with the ecosystem focus group (Stella Nemecky, Esben Sverdrup-Jensen) and organize WebEx or physical meeting to discuss the draft within the focus group (secretariat)
- Take message on defining safe biological limits back to the Commission and discuss the approach, taking into consideration ISF and the 5% footnotes in the TAC and Quota Regulation (Frederik Schutysen)



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Action items

Atlanto-Scandian herring

- Submit issues to be addressed by the benchmark on Atlanto-Scandian herring to the secretariat (Working Group I members)

North Sea herring

- Continue work on herring spawning grounds (Working Group I members)
- Monitor developments under the landing obligation (Working Group I members)

Blue whiting

- Discuss ICES advice on Coastal States management strategy once available and urge Coastal States to put a management strategy in place (Working Group I)



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Action items

Western Baltic spring spawning herring

- Provide advice to ICES on the use of the flexibility (Esben Sverdrup-Jensen, Reine Johansson)
- Monitor mixing with North Sea herring (Claus Reedtz-Sparrevohn)
- Monitor developments under the landing obligation (Working Group I members)

North Sea horse mackerel

- Continue developing the knowledge base for this stock (Martin Pastoors, Gerard van Balsfoort, scientists)
- Present update on the PFA research plan at April meeting (Martin Pastoors)



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Atlanto-Scandian herring

- Benchmark results



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North Sea herring

- Update on work on herring spawning grounds
- Presentation on the sprat box on the Danish west coast (Lotte Worsøe Clausen)



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Blue whiting

- Results of the inter-benchmark
 - Work is still ongoing



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North Sea horse mackerel

- Update on PFA research plan



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Update on ecosystem focus group

- Update from Verena on Mareframe twinning project
- US inspiration to be distributed
- Webex to plan steps for July meeting



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Thank you!



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