

Working Group I meeting

9 July 2020, Online

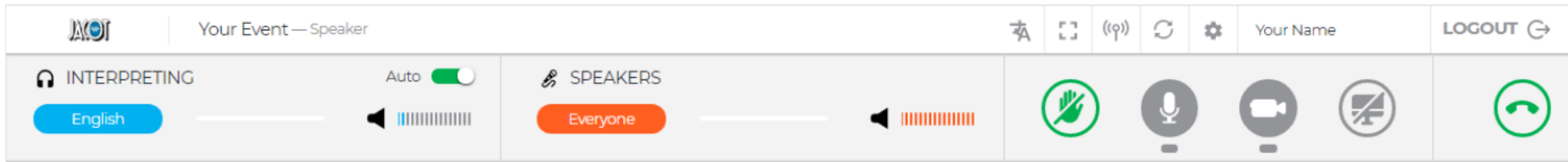
Agenda

- 10:00 Opening of the meeting by the chairman, Esben Sverdrup-Jensen
- 10:05 Adoption of the agenda
- 10:10 Follow-up on action items
- 10:25 Fishing opportunities 2021: presentation of ICES advice by Colm Lordan (information)
- North Sea autumn spawning herring
 - Western Baltic spring spawning herring/3A herring
 - North Sea horse mackerel
- 11:30 Update Ecosystem focus group (information)
- Draft EFG TOR (information)
 - Commission implementing decision standardization circular gear design (information)
- 11:50 AOB
- 12:00 End of meeting

Break from 12:00 until 13:30 hrs



Main instructions



Raise Your Hand: Ask permission to the Chairperson to get the floor



Disconnect from speaking: Click here after you are done with speaking



Restart Connection: Click here if you experience any issue with audio or video



Auto Speaker View: Disable to manually choose the video you want to see



Private Chat: Chat with the moderator for personal HELP



Follow-up on action items

- Keep ICES underwater noise data portal ICES on agenda as ongoing item (Secretariat, Martin Pastoors, chairman) – *ongoing*
- Follow-up on letter to DG ENVI on the setup of an ICES working group on impacts of seismic surveys on spawning grounds (chairman, secretariat) ✓ **Commission response NWWAC letter and joint Seismic FG 15 June 2020**
- Approve and send out letter on banking and borrowing principles (Executive Committee, secretariat) ✓
- Invite scientist involved in the blue whiting survey to a future PELAC meeting for an update (secretariat) – *postponed due to covid-19 disruption*
- Circulate link to blue whiting survey blog to PELAC members (Secretariat, Martin Pastoors) ✓
- Invite Ed Farrell to future PELAC meeting to present an update on the North Sea horse mackerel genetic stock-ID project – *postponed to October meeting*



Follow-up on action items

- Ask Commission to explain calculations for deductions in TACs for North Sea horse mackerel- *Shared action with Working Group II* (Chairman, Sean O'Donoghue, secretariat) ✓
- Share comments to OIG proposal on deep-sea mining activities to secretariat and circulate agreed draft to the Executive Committee for approval through written procedure (Jérôme Jourdain, Gonçalo Carvalho, secretariat) ✓
- Circulate information from Commission workshop on circular fishing gear and plastics to PELAC members (Patrick Murphy, secretariat) ✓
- Keep working on the issue of plastics and recycling of fishing gear with other ACs (Secretariat, Ecosystem Focus Group) – *ongoing*
- Draft TOR for Ecosystem Focus Group (Secretariat, Gonçalo Carvalho) ✓
- Agree on agenda and suitable date for the Ecosystem Focus Group (Management Team) **Partly completed: Joint Seismic FG 15 June 2020**



Follow-up on action items

- Send joint letter with BSAC to the Commission to ask ICES if it would be worthwhile to develop a rebuilding plan for WBSS herring when there is no EU-Norway management plan in place for this stock (Chairman, secretariat) ✓



Fishing opportunities 2020

Presentation of ICES advice
by Colm Lordan, vice-chair of ACOM



North Sea autumn spawning herring

- TAC 2021 = 365.792 t (all fleets, MSY approach)
 - 359.367 t for the A-fleet
- Assumed catch in 2020 = 400.387 t (Estimated realized catch of autumn-spawning herring derived from agreed TACs for A–D-fleets, the proportion of NSAS herring in the catch (for A-, C-, and D-fleets), the transfer of TAC to the NS (C-fleet), and the uptake of the bycatch quota (for B- and D-fleets))
- SSB(2020) = 1.287.790 t (above B_{pa} , below $B_{trigger}$)

Management Objectives	Catch in 2020 in t (A-Fleet)	Total catch in t	Change in TAC advice A-Fleet (%)	SSB in 2020 in t
F = F _{msy}	412.470	420.040	+7.13%	-10.58%
MSY approach	359.367	365.792	- 6.66%	-7.91%



North Sea autumn spawning herring

Thoughts for PelAC recommendation in October



Western Baltic spring spawning herring

- TAC 2021 = 0
- WBSS MSY advice for 2020 = 0 t
- Assumed total catch in 2020 = 15.391 t
- BSAC recommendation (July 2020) :
 - Rollover of 2020 TAC 3150 t
 - Minority view to follow the ICES advice

Management Objectives	Catch in 2021 in t	Change in TAC (%)
MSY approach	0	0%
Fmsy	24.535	
MAP 2018	10.237	



Western Baltic spring spawning herring

EU standing request catch scenarios zero TAC stocks – Western Baltic spring spawning herring

Results

Table 1 Herring (*Clupea harengus*) in subdivisions 20–24, spring spawners (Skagerrak, Kattegat, and western Baltic). Additional catch scenarios. All weights are in tonnes.

Basis	Total catch (2021)	F _{3–6} (2021)	SSB* (2021)	SSB* (2022)	% SSB change **	% advice change ***
Catch for bycatch fleets only ^	3308	0.026	66 574	85 251	28	
F = F _{MSY}	24 535	0.31	64 618	64 275	–1	
F = F ₂₀₂₀	14 410	0.170	65 603	73 849	13	
MAP: F = F _{MSY} × (SSB ₂₀₂₀ /MSY B _{trigger})	10 273	0.118	65 973	77 674	18	
MAP: F = F _{MSY lower} × (SSB ₂₀₂₀ /MSY B _{trigger})	7291	0.082	66 230	80 610	22	
MAP: F = F _{MSY upper} × (SSB ₂₀₂₀ /MSY B _{trigger})	12 393	0.144	65 786	75 602	15	

* For spring-spawning stocks, the SSB is determined at spawning time and is influenced by fisheries and natural mortality between 1 January and spawning time (April).

** SSB (2022) relative to SSB (2021).

*** The advised catch in 2020 was 0 tonnes.

^ Only the A-fleet that targets NSAS herring and the D-fleet that targets sprat are allowed to fish, assuming the same catch as in the intermediate year 2020 (C- and F-fleets have zero catch).



Western Baltic spring spawning herring

Thoughts for PelAC advice in October



North Sea horse mackerel

- TAC 2020 = 14 014 t (precautionary approach)
- SSB(2020) = Unknown, low level, some signs of recovery (?)
- Non-negligible discards in non-directed demersal fisheries

Management Objectives	Catch in 2021 in t	% SSB change
Precautionary approach	14 014 (uncertainty cap applied)	?



Ecosystem Focus Group

- Update from the joint NWWAC and PELAC Seismic Focus Group



Ecosystem Focus Group

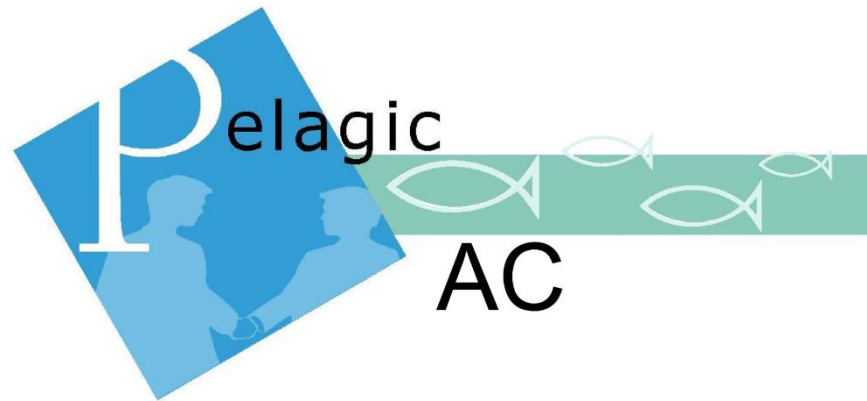
- Draft TOR
- Way forward Focus Group



AOB



Thank you!



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