

Provisional agenda Pelagic RAC Working Groups I and II meeting in collaboration with SAFMAMS on February 6-7 at the Hilton Edinburgh Grosvenor in Edinburgh

Day 1: Management plan for horse mackerel and RAC's need for advice

11.00 Coffee and opening of meeting by the chairman.

11.15 *Session 1 – Horse Mackerel, part 1*

Presentation of results of industry consultation on management of western horse mackerel (Maurice Clarke).

Presentation of results of simulations conducted by the scientists on this stock (Beatriz Roel, Ciaran Kelly and Andy Campbell).

12.30 Lunch

13.30 *Session 1 – Horse Mackerel, part 2*

Incorporation of stakeholders views into the simulations (plenary session).

Discussion on the theme “Towards a management regime for western horse mackerel - incorporation of stakeholder concerns whilst dealing with risk against an uncertain stock assessment background” (plenary session).

14.45 Tea break

15.15 *Session 2 – Scientific Advice to RACs*

Introduction: Science & Stakeholder Involvement in the Production of Management Advice on Fisheries (Prof. Tony Hawkins, Loughine Limited).

Discussion aimed at developing a set of ‘best practices’ for providing advice to the RAC. (Plenary, chaired by: Dr. Douglas Wilson, Institute for Fisheries Management and Coastal Community Development).

Questions, which will be raised, include the following:

- *From the perspective of the RAC, how should the advice system be structured in terms of its production, content, funding, presentation, etc.?*
- *What is standing in the way of realizing these goals how can these obstacles be overcome?*

16.45 Closing remarks

17.00 End of meeting

20.00 Workshop Dinner (hosted by the Scottish Executive)

Day 2: Working Groups I and II

- 10.00
1. Opening of the meeting by Christian Olesen
 2. Approval of the agenda
 3. Approval of the minutes of November 3rd 2006 (annex 1)

Working Group I (Christian Olesen)

4. Outcome December Council:
 - a. Herring
 - b. Mackerel
5. Management plan West of Scotland
6. Management plan Celtic sea

Working Group II (Sean O'Donoghue)

7. Outcome December Council:
 - a. Horse mackerel
 - b. Blue whiting
8. Management plan horse mackerel
9. Management plan blue whiting
10. Technical Conservation Measures (annex 2)
11. MSY (annex 3, 4, 5)
12. IUU (annex 6)
13. AOB

- 17.00
- End of meeting

Lunch from 12.30 – 13.30

Coffee breaks at 11.00 and 15.00