

MIRAC (Meeting between ICES and the RACs)
29 January 2008, 14:00 – 30 January 2008, 13:00
Vigo, Spain

Chair: Martin Pastoors

DRAFT Agenda

DAY 1 – Tuesday 29 January, 14.00 h.

1. Opening and welcome.
2. Update on the Status of each RAC (Tour de table status)
3. Progress on following up of action points from the previous MIRAC meeting in January 2007 (Martin Pastoors, PowerPoint).

Coffee break

4. The RACs experience of working with ICES during 2007 (round the table).
5. ICES' experience of participating in RAC meetings in 2007 (Martin Pastoors Doc 3).
6. Scarce data for assessment and how can the RACs and ICES work together to improve it?
 - a. Fishers Surveys (ICES Evaluation, Doc 4)– is it useful and should it be extended to other areas than the North Sea?
 - b. Link between ICES and RAC Focus groups.
 - c. Feedback to fishers about how their data have been used.
 - d. Relation to Data Collection Regulation (DCR).
7. Reform of the ICES advisory structure and new timing of advice (Hans Lassen, Doc 5)
 - a. General.
 - b. Data compilation workshops where stakeholders input is possible.

8. Development of Management Plans – how can ICES and the RACs work together on this?
9. Young fishermen's participation in ICES ASC. How was it in Helsinki 2007, and should it be repeated in Halifax 2008 (DOC 6).
10. ICES Expert Group meetings in 2008 of potential interest to the RACs (Martin Pastoors, Doc 7).

Close of first day (18:00)

Social event

DAY 2 – Wednesday 30 January, 09.00

11. RAC requests which have been dealt with by ICES via EC-in 2007 (Henrik Sparholt, Doc 8).
12. Presentation from RACs on their research and advisory needs, including issues on which the RACs might request ICES advice, via the EC (Ann Bell, Doc ??).
13. Discussion of practical arrangements for cooperation between RACs and ICES, including procedures for delivering and discussion of the ICES advice (Doc 9 – the current 2008 list of RAC meetings where ICES will be represented).

Coffee break

14. Conclusion and action points.

Closure (13.00)

A small lunch will be provided by IEO.