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NORTH WEST WATERS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Working Group 1 - West of Scotland (ICES Vb &VI)

Paris, Thursday 2nd November 2006
Summary of Recommendations and Actions

1: The report of the last meeting (on 15th May in Glasgow) was adopted.

2: Review of ICES Advice 2006 for Areas VI

The Working Group extended its thanks to Martin Pastours, ACFM chair for presenting the ICES advice.

Recommendations:

- WG1 supports the need for an internationally agreed management plan for Rockall Haddock.
- WG1 supports the need for an annual survey covering the full distribution range of Rockall Haddock.
- WG1 supports calls for the release and collation of all available spatial data for Rockall, to contribute to the development of long term management plans. WG1 recognises the need for finer scale resolution data, for example VMS data, with appropriate safeguards for commercially sensitive information.
- WG1 supports ICES recommendations for the Commission to provide data on the Rockall EU zone to NEAFC, **to contribute to movement towards a Long Term Management Plan for Rockall Haddock involving all stakeholders.**

3: Long term Management Proposal

Recommendation:

- WG1 supports the proposal to collate and examine available data on Area VI fish stocks and fishing fleets, to assist in formulating proposals for long term management plans, and identify gaps in key data.

4: West of Scotland Cod Recovery Proposal

Action:

- The paper was circulated and WG members will be required to give views on this proposal at the next Working Group meeting.

5: Crab management in Area VI

The Working Group extended its thanks to Oliver Tully (BIM) for presenting information on the Brown Crab fishery in Area VI. Following this presentation, it was suggested that the NWW RAC could establish a forum to discuss the crab fishery in Areas VI and VII.

Actions:

- . Working Group members should canvas opinion on this suggestion amongst the relevant parties they represent, **with a view to decision making at the November Executive Committee if possible.**

6: AOB:

- WG1 notes that there may be more effective ways of discussing cross cutting issues in the NWW RAC, rather than through the geographically defined working groups. To make significant changes to the structure of the NWW RAC would require collaboration with the Commission.

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