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# WORKING GROUP 3 - CHANNEL

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13 March 2024

# Agenda

11:00 – 11:10

**1. Welcome and introductions**

- Welcome from the Chair (Manu Kelberine)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the last meeting (13 September 2023)

11:10 – 12:00

**2. Scallop management**

- a. Presentation on Irish trials result (Daragh Browne, BIM)
- b. Organisation of workshop in 2024/2025 (to be confirmed)

12:00 – 12:20

**3. NWW MS proposal for exemption for lemon sole in 7d**

12:20 – 12:40

**4. UK MPAs**

12:40 – 12:50

**5. Red mullet – update by CNPMEM**

12:50 – 12:55

**6. AOB**

12:55 – 13:00

**7. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair**



# Action points from the last meeting

1. The CNPMEM will get in touch with the Secretariat following the meeting in France on red mullet with an updated proposal.
2. Inputs from members on the choke risks will be collated by the Secretariat and reviewed by the Focus Group Landing Obligation to prepare advice. The Secretariat will share an updated version of the spreadsheet with members for further comments if necessary.
3. Members to send comments on FMPs to Secretariat by 20 September. One response to be prepared for Seabass/Channel demersal non-quota species/Southern North Sea and eastern Channel mixed flatfish, and one additional each on scallops and whelk.
4. Secretariat to draft a letter on impacts of UK HMPAs to the Commission.







## 2. Scallop management

- Presentation by BIM on Irish trials
- Organisation of workshop in 2024/2025 – update by Secretariat





### 3. NWW MS proposal for exemption for lemon sole in 7d

- Draft Joint Recommendation shared with members on 5 March
- TAC alignment with UK – risk of choke
- Proposal for a de minimis exception for lemon sole for beam trawlers in ICES areas 4 and 7d



## 4. UK MPAs

- New MMO byelaw announced on 31 Jan – Marine Protected Areas Bottom Towed Fishing Gear Byelaw to come into effect on 22 March 2024
- It will prohibit bottom towed gear in 13 MPAs
- MMO meeting 29 January with non-UK stakeholders
- Call for evidence until 13 February
- From Inter-AC Brexit Forum on 5 February:
  - ACs to consider providing input to the Commission on the 13 MPAs and sandeel closure to be implemented by the UK.
  - MS and diverse EU entities submitted strong contributions to the call for evidence
  - The Commission's legal unit was asked how apparent disproportion would be dealt with.







## 5. Red mullet – presentation by Anais Mourtada, CNP MEM



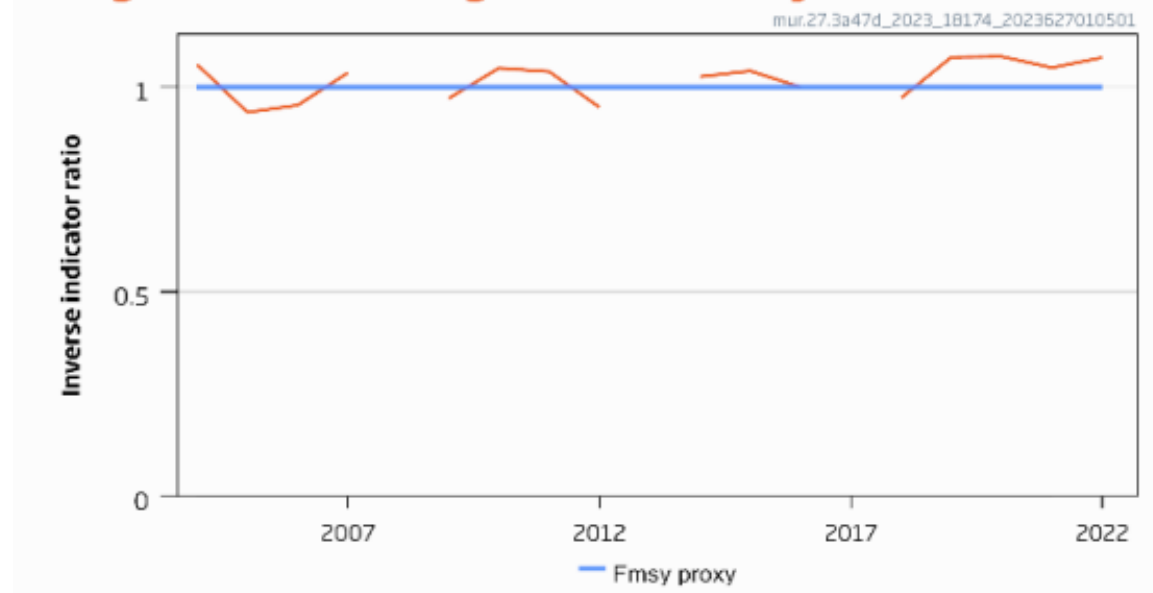
# Proposition de gestion du rouget barbet

- Présentation de l'état du stock : Stock DLS (catégorie 3)



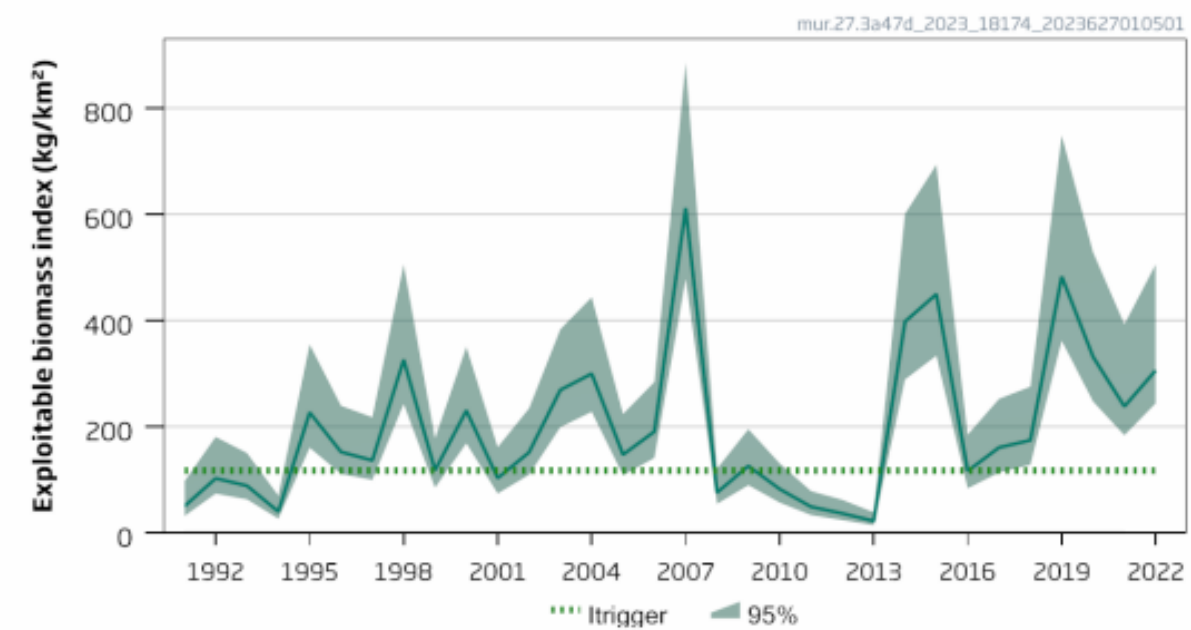
Fishing > FMSY proxy

Length-based Fishing Pressure Proxy



Indicateur de stock > Itrigger

Stock size indicator



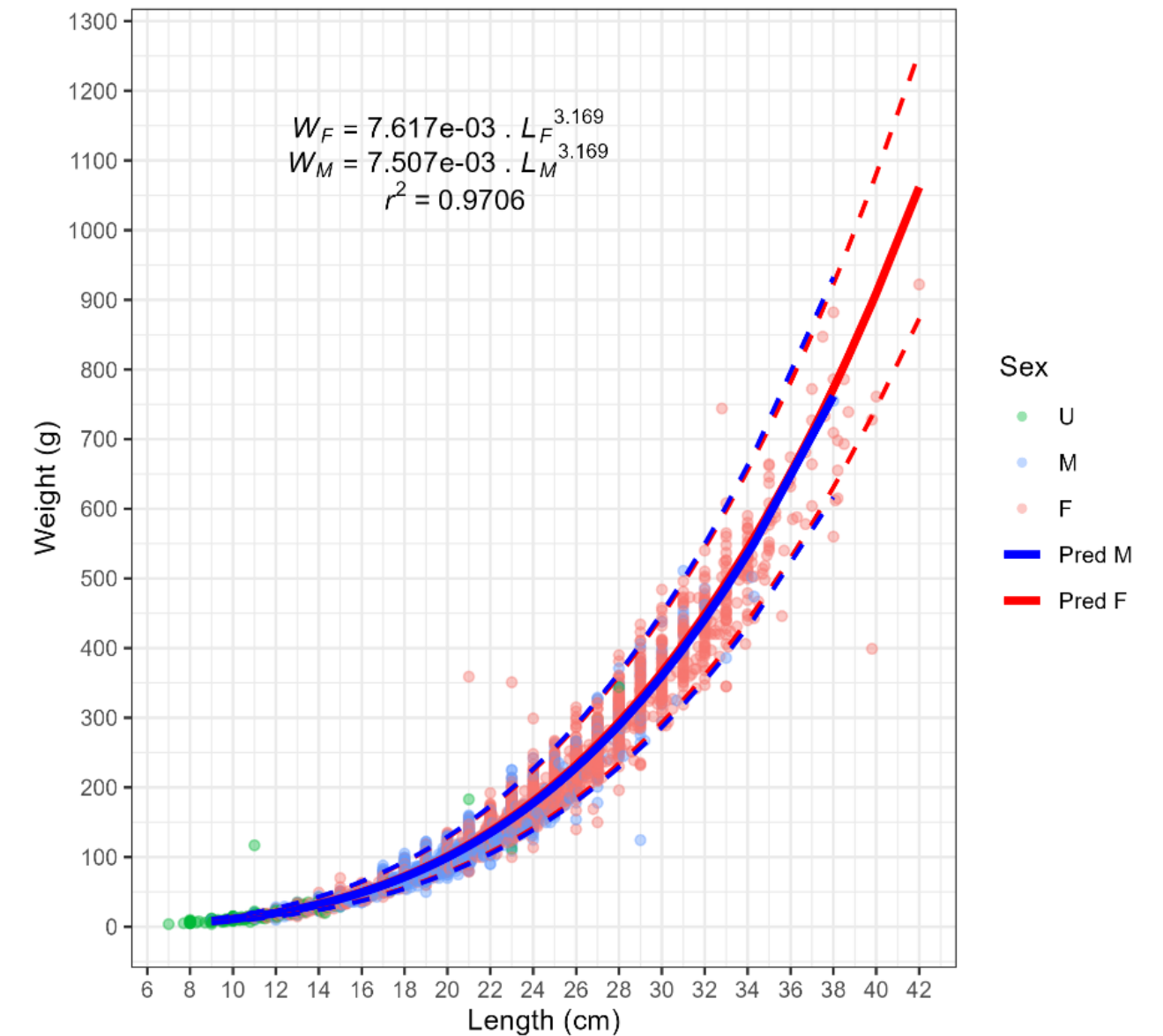
➔ Stock considéré comme surexploité



# Proposition de gestion du rouget barbet

## Biologie de l'espèce

- Taille de maturité sexuelle :
  - Femelle : 16,9 cm
  - Mâle : 16,2 cm
- Incitation à utiliser le poids de maturité des individus femelles au 3<sup>ème</sup> trimestre (après reproduction) soit 67,2 g = 16,9 cm.



# Proposition de gestion du rouget barbet

## Présentation des flottilles

- Pêcheries françaises : En mer du Nord et en Manche, environ 350 chalutiers de fond peuvent capturer du rouget barbet
  - Selon les observations en mer : Les principaux individus débarqués sont de petits calibres
  - Selon les données de vente : Il y a une faible valorisation des captures

Document qui serait à compléter par les autres flottilles



# Proposition de gestion du rouget barbet

## **Proposition de mesures techniques à mettre en place en mer du Nord et en Manche :**

### – Maillages :

- Passage au 80 mm pour l'ensemble des navires européens utilisant des engins trainants dans la zone ;
- Réflexion à lancer sur une augmentation de la taille de maillage en 4c, 7d ;

### – Mise en place d'une TMRC à 17 cm

A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with bright golden light breaking through from behind the sun, creating a silhouette of a fishing boat on the water in the foreground. The overall mood is serene and powerful.

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