

Notice of the Meeting of the Spatial Planning Working Group of the North Sea RAC
to be held on Wednesday 23rd March at Scotland House, Scotland House, Rond-Point
Schuman 6, B-1040 Brussels, at 10.00am

Provisional Agenda

The purpose of this meeting is to consult the NSRAC on the management measures proposed for the Dutch offshore Natura 2000 sites at the third FIMPAS Workshop (Den Helder, Jan 24-26) with the aim of developing these measures further, and as appropriate. The FIMPAS background and outcomes will be led by Ton Ijlstra (Project Leader, Fisheries measures in MPAs, Fisheries Dept, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality) and Hans Nieuwenhuis (same Dept).

For its part, the fishing sector will present their proposal for Cleaver Bank, and their developing proposal for Dogger Bank.

For the Dogger Bank, the aim is to agree a procedure whereby the sector develops an initial proposal to put on the table at an internal inter-governmental workshop in the Netherlands, foreseen to take place in May, for Member States with an interest in the Dogger Bank. This will, in turn, feed into the 'FIMPAS 4' stakeholders workshop on the Dogger Bank in September 2011.

09.30 - 10.00 : Arrival and registration

10.00 : Welcome and Introductions

10.15 - 10.30 : FIMPAS process in relation to the Natura 2000 programme

10.30 - 13.00 : FIMPAS and industry proposals for the Cleaver Bank

13.00 - 14.00 : Lunch

14.00 - 15.30 : FIMPAS and industry proposals for Dogger Bank

15.30 -16.00 : Conclusions and next steps

16.00 : Close