

Terms of Reference NSRAC spatial planning focus groups

Management position paper for the Dogger Bank.

1 Introduction

The project Fisheries Measures in Marine Protected Area's (FIMPAS) aims to introduce fisheries measures in marine protected areas (MPA's) within the Dutch Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) by the end of 2011. This is to meet the European Birds and Habitat Directives. The project is carried out in cooperation between the Dutch fisheries Industry, Dutch environmental Non-Governmental Organisations (NGO's) and the former Dutch ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality (now the ministry of Economics, Agriculture and Innovation).

For this project three test cases were selected: the Frisian Front, the Cleaver Bank and the Dogger Bank. For the Dogger Bank case it was agreed to include Germany and the United Kingdom within the process, to achieve international coherence, with an integrated advice from ICES as end result.

The NSRAC was asked by the FIMPAS project at the third FIMPAS workshop (January 2011) to produce a NSRAC position paper proposing a fisheries management plan in relation to nature conservation on the Dogger Bank. The NSRAC aims to present their management plan at the FIMPAS 4 meeting September 26th, 2011.

2 Objective

To develop an position paper on fisheries management in relation to nature conservation that is supported by the members of the NSRAC. This position paper will be integrated into the FIMPAS project and sent to the European Commission as the NSRAC advice for a management plan on the Dogger Bank.

3 Expected output

A NSRAC position paper proposing a fisheries management plan in relation to nature conservation on the Dogger Bank.

4 Composition of the Focus group

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| • Euan Dunn | Birdlife International (Chairman) |
| • Pim Visser | Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij |
| • Chris van Assen | WWF |
| • Dale Rodmell | NFFO |
| • Henrik Lund | Danish Fishermen's Association |
| • Monique van de Water | Stichting de Noordzee |
| • Nigel Proctor | PMSL - Forewind |
| • David Goldsborough | Centre for Marine Policy, Wageningen |

5 Tasks and responsibilities

Euan Dunn (Birdlife International)

Role/Task To be decided
Responsibility To be decided

Pim Visser (Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij)

Role/Task To be decided

Responsibility To be decided

Chris van Assen (WWF)

Role/Task To be decided
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Dale Rodmell (NFFO)

Role/Task To be decided
Responsibility To be decided

Henrik Lund (Danish Fishermen's Association)

Role/Task To be decided
Responsibility To be decided

Monique van de Water (Stichting de Noordzee)

Role/Task To be decided
Responsibility To be decided

Nigel Proctor (PMSL - Forewind)

Role/Task To be decided
Responsibility To be decided

David Goldsborough (Centre for Marine Policy, Wageningen)

Role/Task To be decided
Responsibility To be decided

6 Methodology

- Two workshops will be organised to process information on different aspects of the position paper
- External expertise will be invited if required to provide views and information
- The position paper will be based on existing documents, data and information

7 Work plan

1. Scope
What is the focus group going to do and under what rules of engagement?
Description of the project definitions
Product description
Resources available (money, time people, etc.)
Time line with milestones and who does what and when
2. Finalization and agreement on the project plan
3. Execution:
 - 3.1 Preparation format position paper and management options
 - 3.2 Workshop
 - 3.3 Concept/Position paper

Proposed timeframe

Week	Date	Action	Overlapping Focus Group
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19	09-15 May	Scope of the project (meeting of focus group, ideally face to face)	Writing the Position Paper Providing information Coordination with ExCom
20	16-22 May		
21	23-29 May		
22	30 May -05 June		
23	06-12 June	Scope meeting(6-6-11) + preparations for the workshop	
24	13-19 June		
25	20-26 June	1 st Workshop(20/21-6-11) + Outline draft of a Position paper, sent to ExCom before the 23th of June	
26	27 June – 03 July	ExCom meeting (27-6-11)	
27	04-10 July	Updating the project proposal	
28	11-17 July	Continuation of the project plan	
29	18-24 July		
30	25-31 July		
31	01-07 Aug		
32	08-14 Aug		
33	15-21 Aug	Preparation of 2 nd workshop	
34	22-28 Aug		
35	29 Aug -04 Sept	Second Workshop Supporting choices and management options	
36	05-11 Sept		
37	12-18 Sept	Finalizing the position paper based on the second workshop	
38	19-25 Sept	Consensus ExCom on Position Paper	
39	26 Sept	FIMPAS 4 meeting	