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Regionalisation and consultation on the Landing Obligation in the CFP

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NWWAC input on the Landing Obligation

- Importance of Advisory Council participation
- NWWAC advice to date
- NWWAC experience with regionalisation
- Way ahead



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The Background

- Article 3 of the CFP – Good governance includes involvement of stakeholders, particularly ACs, from conception to implementation of measures.



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Role of the Advisory Councils

- According to Article 18(2), Member States must (“shall”) consult the relevant Advisory Councils when formulating joint recommendations for achieving the objectives of conservation measures, multiannual plans or specific discard plans.



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NWWAC advice to MS to date

- November 2014 ExCom: basic direction
 - Need to avoid damaging the progress made over the last 15 years in reduce fishing mortality.
 - The need for phasing, avoiding a ‘big bang’ in 2016 and/or in 2019.
 - Unintended consequences and perverse incentives should be minimised through modelling projected impacts using existing data



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NWWAC advice to MS to date

- January 2015: Drafting group advice (ratified by ExCom April 2015)
 - The ‘fisheries’ listed in Art 15(1)(c) do not align well with the fisheries in NWW in practice
 - Different views on how species should be phased in across NWW fisheries; industry guidance and ‘other interest group’ guidance
 - Agreement that selectivity measures needed to increase



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NWWAC advice to MS to date

- May 2015: Comment on NWW group's draft joint recommendation for a demersal LO
 - Lots of reaction from members to draft JR
 - From many industry stakeholders, focus on what potential effect the plan would have for them
 - From many non-industry stakeholders, focus on covering all quota species by 2019, use of evidence to support exemptions, accounting for mortality, and M&E



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NWWAC advice to MS to date

- May 2015: NWWAC Comments
 - Some strong objection to method for defining fisheries and classifying vessels
 - Need to look at phasing in 2017 and 2018
 - Highlights data collection/evidence gathering needed re: further exemption requests
 - Continued dialogue needed on MCE
 - How will F be accounted for under de minimis?
 - Boundary effects?



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Process of consultation

- Difficulties developing detailed NWWAC advice due to (often) divergent views, and without knowing MS's approach to core issues like phasing
- Positive though is invitation to technical and high level group MS meetings for two AC reps, both roughly every four weeks
- Continued commitment to collaboration



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The Way Ahead

- The importance of year one, keeping all stakeholders on board - culture of compliance
- Considerations for small-scale sector?
- Further development of the JR on the way to all quota species covered by 2019
- Tech measures & results-based management?
- Resource issues



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