

Terms of Reference Landing Obligation FG

The focus group will function within the DWG.

Chair: Michael Andersen

Purpose (aims and objectives):

Phase 1

- To prepare draft advice on the discard plan 2022
- To identify potential Choke Risks in the North Sea Demersal Fisheries
- To identify possible mitigation measures if relevant
- To provide definition of targeted fisheries

Phase 2

- Article 15 in light of:
 - Lessons learn from implementation since 2015
 - New international Fisheries Negotiations context
 - Brexit consequences
 - Scientific advice

Recipients of Advice (target audience):

Scheveningen Group, The Commission, PECH Committee (for information),

End result (main headings):

1) Develop response to the request from the Scheveningen Group, on the discard plan including (deadline April):

- New information on fisheries if available
- Recommendation on exemptions
- Information on ongoing trials or scientific studies
- Provide a definition on targeted fisheries

2) Develop advice to Commission and MS on potential choke risk and possible mitigation measures

- Review previous advice and update it if/where relevant (deadline?)

3) Develop draft advice to the Commission, PECH COMMITTEE and MS on article 15 (deadline end of the year)

Measures of success (Key Performance Indicators):

- Consensus advice on the Discard Plan 2021, choke risks and possible mitigation measures, and a review of Article 15 of CFP in light of post-Brexit reality and lessons learned since 2015;
- Recognition of the paper by the EU Commission and NS MS;
- Reference to Advice by decision-makers and managers.

Timeline:

- First meeting beginning of April
- First advice by end of April

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