

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title:

Joint Focus Group between the NWWAC and NSAC on management measures for skates and rays (FG Skates & Rays)

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Rapporteur:

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Working language:

English

Time frame and deadline:

A 36-month period (March 2020 – September 2022) to

- 1) respond to the specific request from the Scheveningen Group (Deadline 01 May 2020)
- 2) to address ongoing issues regarding the management of skates and rays
- 3) to address issues arising within the advisory process

Due to the outbreak of COVID-19 and related restrictions regarding travel, the group will commence its work via virtual meetings. The Secretariats will monitor the situation and organise a face to face meeting for all group members should this be required and once travel restrictions have been lifted.

NWWAC

The FG Skates & Rays will function within the Horizontal Working Group. The paper will undergo a written procedure at the NWWAC ExCom for revision and adoption. A final report to be presented at NWWAC September 2022 meeting in Dublin

NSAC

The Skates and Rays Focus Group will report to the NSAC Demersal Working Group. Papers will undergo a written procedure at the NSAC Demersal WG and ExCom for revision and adoption.



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Objective:

- 1 Develop response to the request from the Scheveningen Group, including:**
 - a) Overview at fleet level of measures and best practice measures taken
 - b) Separation in avoidance, selectivity and survival (as in LO exemption text)
 - c) Advice on future measures that could be developed

- 2 Develop advice to Commission and MS on improving management of skates and rays**
 - a) Revisit previous advice from both ACs and formulate an advice paper on improved management
 - b) Review results from SUMARiS, discuss merits

- 3 Develop advice to the Commission and MS on issues arising in the advisory process**
 - a) Engage with relevant parties in the advisory process
 - b) Invite experts from ICES to FG meetings

Members:

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