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The workshop with attendance of more than 40 people, including several via internet, discussed how ICES work on mixed fisheries can be improved and be put to better use.

There was some discussion on whether the science is sound enough to give actual advice in the traditional sense of the word, or whether it would be more appropriate to call it mixed fisheries considerations.

From several participants from the industry it was pointed out that the present form was interesting to look at, but it is not of a quality that can be used directly in the management.

Too many assumptions that cannot be tested are used in the present model, which is – still in the view of the fishing industry – simply just adding another layer of uncertainty on a number of stock assessments that are already very unstable and uncertain.

Many of the scientists agreed to the approach of offering mixed fisheries considerations rather than advice, but maintained that in time the work could result in better predictability and hence also be used more actively in the management.

Very interesting stuff was presented on details of fisheries and the distribution and overlap of stocks and fisheries.

Very knowledgeable people, but as of now, unable to predict the behaviour of fishermen.

Michael