

BSAC Science Focus Group
04 December 2025
12:00 – 17:00 (CEST) Gdynia and online through Zoom¹

Agenda

1. Welcome by the Science Focus Group Chair, Glenn Douglas

2. Formalities for the start of the meeting

Apologies, AOB, and adoption of the agenda

3. Collection of science and data questions for ICES response

Discussion within the group on questions we would like to get answers to. Identify data gaps that are affecting decision making and address to ICES.

4. Recovery Advice.

Dorleta Garcia, ACOM Vice-Chair – presentation of the ICES rebuilding advice

The Commissioner has specifically asked us for input on what recovery advice should be from a Baltic perspective. Discussion on what recovery advice and consensus on what we should send to the Commissioner concerning this subject.

5. Recommendations on ICES advice, changes to questions and format of ICES advice

Follow up on the previous meeting. Discussion on recommendation to the ExCom for changes to ICES advice and its format.

6. In-year revision of fisheries quotas. *Presentation by Antoine Kopp, DG MARE*

A presentation on the method that will be used for in year revision of the herring quota in SD 30-31 from DG Mare. We need more adaptive fisheries decision making and in year revision of quota when previous years ICES science is found to be lacking is one way of having a more adaptive fishery.

7. Cod recovery plan

The Demersal Working Group has asked the science focus group for elements for a cod plan. Discussion and recommendation to Demersal Working Group.

8. AOB

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