

# REGIONAL FISHERIES GROUP

Meeting Notes Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2021

## IVc South

14:00 – 16:00 Zoom Conference Call

### Attendees:

#### Defra

Phil McBryde  
Lydia Osborne

#### MMO

Richard Hoskin  
Ed Baker  
Katie James  
Sarah Allison  
Justin Rowley

#### IFCA

Julian Gregory  
William Wright

#### Industry

John Nichols  
Wayne Brewster  
James White  
Frances French  
Paul Gilson  
Lee Doughty  
Dave Ferris  
June Mummery  
Ken Bagley  
Chris Attenborough

1. Chair Welcome & Introductions
2. Scene setting and Introductions – Phil McBryde/Richard Hoskin

There are 6 regional groups; these will be a forum for bringing together policy makers, scientists, fishermen and regulators in order to work together to compliment and deliver an intelligent approach to fisheries management.

This is picking up the Future of Our Inshore Fisheries action plan which came out of the conference. We are trying to move away from top-down one size fits all management as that approach doesn't work.

There are opportunities from having left the EU, we want to listen to your priorities and concerns to see how we can do things differently. These groups are a platform in which to elevate conversations, produce trials, pilots and collaborative science ideas.

There will be an opportunity for 1:1 surgery after meetings when we move into face to face environment.

These won't be perfect to start with and are expected to evolve. It is important that you feedback on these group meetings so we can collectively learn and improve.

Terms of Reference have been drafted and we will send those out after the meeting to be commented on before future meetings are held.

MMO / Defra will chair these meetings and provide a secretariat for the rest of the year but going forward you can recommend/ make suggestions for this role.

The objective is to work together and identify challenges with different regulators which affect your region.

### **3. Quota management – Presentation - Sarah Allison**

Sarah presented the Quota management presentation; group discussed stock and catch limits (see appendix 1).

### **4. Collaborative science**

Topics discussed to be looked at

**ACTION** - investigate Sole and its disappearance possible project idea

Spurdog – Trials in SW extension to this area – Contact for SW trial Stuart Hetherington

Discussion on Sole quota increase and lack of Sole in the area

### **5. Annual Negotiations**

Still ongoing – provisional extended till end of the year. If agreement with EU it will override the allocation.

Bass arrangements for 2020 rolled forward for 2021 ICES advice for the two years very similar. In discussion with EU over some adjustments waiting for those negotiations to conclude.

**ACTION** – Issues over seals eating catches – Past projects have looked into this issue – Links / project details to be collated and distributed

### **6. AOB**

**ACTION** - Look to merge the IVc North & South groups going forward.

Raised for the industry to pick the agenda – ideas are welcomed

Raised that 1-2-1 surgeries can be held after these meetings

**Meeting Closed**

**Appendix 1**

<b>Stock</b>	<b>Under 10 metres</b>	<b>Over 10 metres</b>
<b>NS Cod</b>	CL open to suggestions increased availability: Not a lot of Cod around, keep some in case it comes in later in the year with a potential of wanting 1/1.5t a month Agreed generally a 50/50 split to trade out for other stocks needed.	Agreed generally a 50/50 split to trade out for other stocks needed.
<b>Herring IVc / VIId</b>	CL 30T – thought on CL? Keep at 30t and re-evaluate later in early autumn time	No Comments
<b>NS Mackerel</b>	CL 15.t request to 5t. thoughts? JN – good mackerel is well off Ramsgate (10-12 mile off) – fetches good money – small boat targeted fishery – more outside of Thames estuary in deep clear water. Big mackerel worth good money – developing fishery to get quota for. PG – agree with john – adapt to change – June July longest days water clear more mackerel in middle of the Thames in recent times. After September won't see much anyway. Outcome - CL up to 3t and try and trade some in potential may need lowering down the track	-
<b>NS Skates &amp; Rays</b>	Agreed stay at CL of 3t	SA – leave where it is see if we can trade more in to adapt CLs
<b>NS Sole</b>	No Comments on CLs To discuss the issue outside of this section of the meeting	No Comments
<b>NS Sprats</b>	No comments	-