NEAFC SYMPOSIUM ON BOTTOM FISHERIES

25 June 2012

Ground Floor, 22 Berners Street, London W1T 3DY

10:00 – 10:15
Opening and Introduction
  1. The Chair of PECMAS (Snorri Palmáson) will open the symposium and provide a brief introduction

10:15 – 11:15
Current Area Management
  1. NEAFC’s bottom fishing regulation – NEAFC Secretary (Stefán Ásmundsson)
  2. Bottom trawl fishery management in the NAFO Regulatory Area – NAFO Secretariat (Vladimir Shibanov)

11:15 – 12:30
Global Initiatives
  1. UNGA Resolutions – NEAFC Secretary (Stefán Ásmundsson)
  2. The FAO International Guidelines for the Management of Deep-sea Fisheries in the High Seas – FAO (Jessica Sanders)
  3. FAO instruments and work relevant to bottom fisheries – FAO (Jessica Sanders)

12:30 – 13:30
Lunch

13:30 – 14:30
Scientific Advice
  1. ICES response to NEAFC’s request for advice – ICES (Ellen Kenchington)

14:30 – 16:00
Status and Trends for Management and Activities
  1. The fisheries management needs for the UK’s proposed Natura sites that occur on the UK proposed continental shelf extensions on the seabed in the NEAFCC Regulatory Area to the west of Scotland – Joint Nature Conservation Committee (Mark Tasker)
2. *The EU’s experience in the protection of cold corals in the high-seas* – Spanish Institute of Oceanography (Pablo Durán Muñoz)

3. *The FP7 CoralFISH project: supporting marine spatial planning as an important component of ecosystem based management in the deep-sea* – National University of Ireland (Anthony Grehan)

4. *Status and trends in bottom fishing activities in the North Atlantic and globally* – PECMAS representative (Odd Aksel Bergstad)

16:00 – 18:00

**Non-Governmental Perspectives**

1. *NEAFC implementation of the UNGA resolutions, with a focus on long-term sustainability of deep-sea stocks* – Seas at Risk (Björn Stockhausen)

2. *Review of the NEAFC bottom fishing regulation* – Pew Foundation (Matthew Gianni)

3. *A fishing industry perspective* – the Federation of Icelandic Fishing Vessel Owners (Kristjan Thorarinsson)

18:00 – 19:00

Reception