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Follow-up to NWWAC/NSAC/MAC Focus Group Brown Crab

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Agenda

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Welcome & Introductions

- Welcome from the Chair (Norah Parke)
- Adoption of the agenda

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Review of COM response to joint advice

- Content
- Future work: joint role for Acs? Individual work for MS?

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Next steps

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AOB

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Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair



Review of COM response to joint advice

Content:

- DG MARE is fully aware of the complexity of managing NQS
- crucial to improve the current knowledge and fill information / data gaps on brown crab stocks and fisheries, including through EU funded research projects
- Commission also encourages stakeholder initiatives to improve fisheries sustainability
- Commission supports proposals to evaluate and monitor the fishing effort and respective spatial-temporal distribution, as an approach to eventually limit the fishing effort through closures in the crab fishery
- Commission recognises the importance and usefulness of the harmonisation of some management measures, namely MCRS among Member States and ideally also with the UK
- reiterating my support to your initiatives aiming at improving the current information on this fishery and stock status

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