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Meeting etiquette

- Please arrive on time so we can dive straight into the agenda.
- Listen actively: Give speakers your full attention, avoid side conversations or interrupting.
- Create a supportive environment: Be respectful, value diverse opinions and use inclusive language.
- Treat people fairly, promote an integrated way of working and respect the dignity of members at all times.
- Use discretion and respect others. Harassment, bullying, intimidation or discrimination in any form are unacceptable.



Agenda

10:00 – 10:05 CET	1. Welcome and introductions • Welcome by the Vice-Chair (Manu Kelbérine) • Code of Conduct • Apologies • Adoption of the agenda • Action points from the last meeting (05 September 2025)
10:05 – 10:15 CET	2. Appointment of the Focus Group Chair
10:15 – 10:40 CET	3. Presentation of the Ifremer Study on Seabass – Mathieu Woillez, Ifremer
10:40 – 11:05 CET	4. Presentation of the study "The ICES MSY Approach to Reference Point Estimation is not Precautionary" – Laurence Kell, Sea++
11:05 – 11:50 CET	5. Discussion on the draft NWWAC advice on Seabass management for 2027
11:50 – 12:00 CET	6. AOB & Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

Action points from the last FG meeting (05 Sep. 2025, online)

1	Secretariat and Chair working on a draft advice for comments within the agreed time frame.
2	Monitoring the Commission's process and timing of its proposal (non-paper).
3	Integrating IFREMER's scenarios once available.
4	Continuing internal consultations to finalise advice ahead of the EU negotiations. Another FG meeting could be set up if necessary.

Action points from the last WG3 meeting (06 July, Dublin)

1	Focus Group Sea Bass to follow up on the sea bass allocation tool and examine the possibility of AC input. FG Seabass will stand ready to contribute and support the Commission whenever AC input is sought.
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2. Appointment of the Focus Group Chair

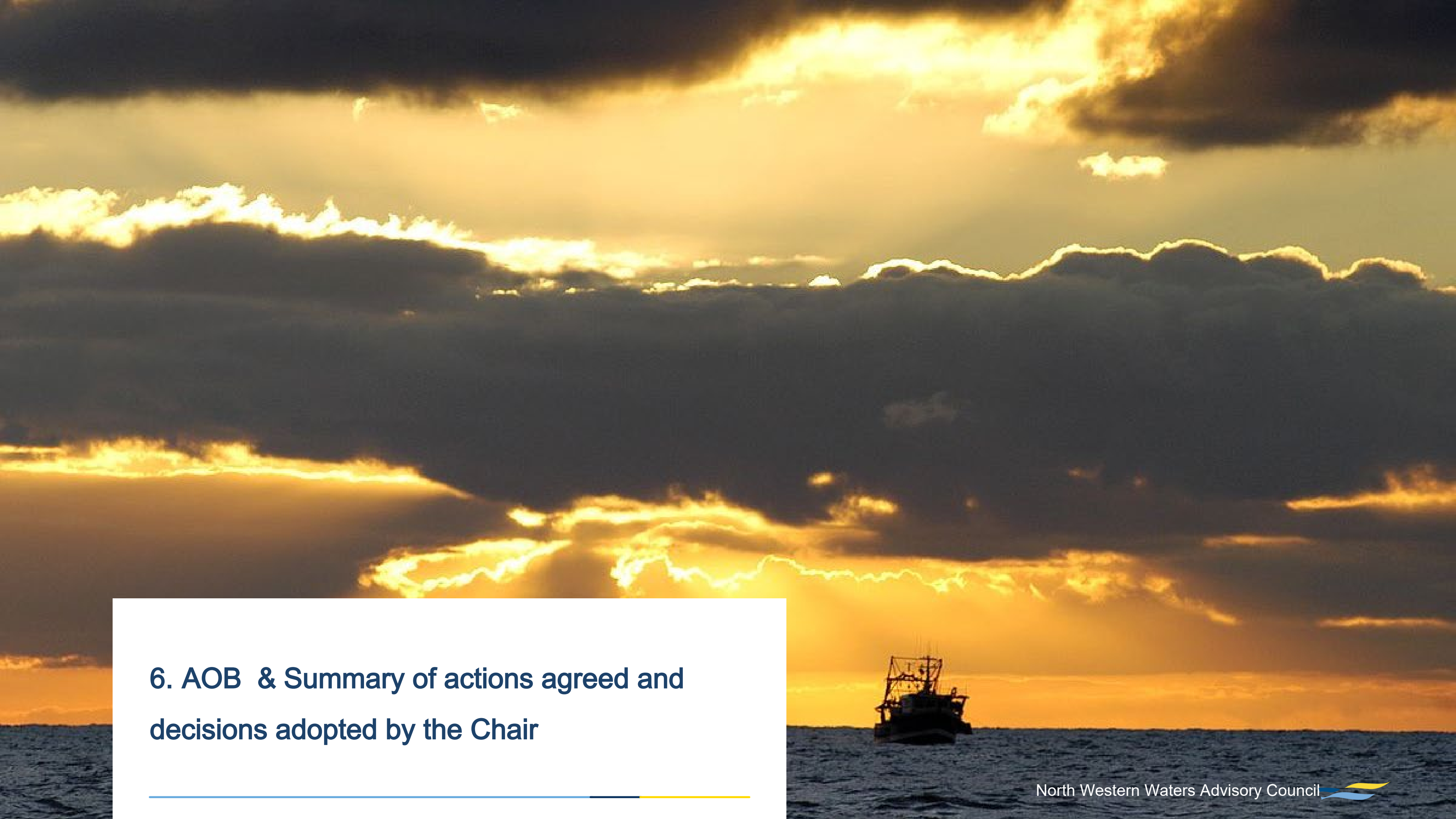


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A dramatic sunset or sunrise over the ocean. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with bright golden light breaking through in several places, creating a high-contrast scene. In the lower right, a small boat is silhouetted against the bright horizon. The water is dark and calm.

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