



Celtic Sea Herring Management Advisory Committee – CSHMAC

The Celtic Sea Herring Management Advisory Committee (CSHMAC) is a Ministerially appointed Committee which has its origins the South West Pelagic group and was given formal recognition by the then Minister in 2005. The CSHMAC is comprised of representatives from the four Fish Producer Organisations together with representatives from the Fish Co-Ops and Processors. There are a number of appointed experts to the Committee from the Marine Institute, Sea Fisheries Protection Authority and the Irish Whale and Dolphin Group. The primary purpose of the CSHMAC is to provide advice in relation to the management of the Celtic Sea Herring Stock and Fishery off the South West Coast of Ireland. The Committee meets at relevant intervals during the year to discuss issues of concern to the fishery such as scientific advice regarding the state of the stock and also proposals in relation to future management arrangements. Participation in the Committee is limited to those nominated by the Minister.

From 2010 to date the Committee has had the responsibility for managing MSC Certification for the fishery which is subject to an annual surveillance audit.

For 2014 for CSHMAC work plan includes finalising an Environmental Management Plan for the Celtic Sea Herring Main Fishery, the development of an EMP for the Sentinel fishery, evaluating the impact of the implementation of the landing obligation, working with the Marine Institute in relation to developing the scientific advice for the stock and providing advice to the Minister in relation to the Management arrangements for the fishery.

The Committee is Chaired by the Irish South and West Fish Producers Organisation who can be contacted on info@irishsouthandwest.ie

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