

## **Provisional Agenda**

### **1. Introduction and Background**

- 1.1. Welcoming Remarks
- 1.2. Conservation Aims of European Legislation
  - 1.2.1. ASCOBANS
  - 1.2.2. European Union (Habitats Directive, Marine Strategy Framework Directive) and OSPAR

### **2. Review of Effectiveness of Existing Legislation**

- 2.1. State of Knowledge in the ASCOBANS Sub-Regions
  - 2.1.1. Baltic Sea and adjacent western waters
  - 2.1.2. North Sea and Atlantic
- 2.2. Review of EC Reg. 812/2004

### **3. Measures and Monitoring Available for the Effective Assessment and Mitigation of Bycatch of Small Cetaceans**

- 3.1. Bycatch Mitigation Measures
- 3.2. Parameters Influencing Bycatch Rates
  - 3.2.1. Examples from France
  - 3.2.2. Examples from the United Kingdom

### **4. Future Aspirations for Legislation Addressing the Problem of Cetacean Bycatch within European Waters (tbc)**

### **5. Strategies for Effective Monitoring and Mitigation of Cetacean Bycatch**

- 5.1. Overview of Existing Recommendations for Effective Monitoring and Mitigation of Cetacean Bycatch
- 5.2. Approach – Defining Targets vs. Measures (Discussion)
- 5.3. Opportunities for Improving Legislation to Ensure the Effective Protection of Cetaceans (Discussion)
- 5.4. Further Strategies to Reduce Bycatch (Discussion)

### **6. Recommendations**

- 6.1. Working Groups (Baltic Sea, Western Baltic, North Sea, Atlantic)
- 6.2. Fishing Effort Data Collection (Discussion and Recommendations)
- 6.3. Working Group Reports back to the Meeting
- 6.4. Drafting of Recommendations Coming from the Working Groups

### **7. Concluding Remarks**