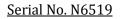
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## **Recommendations from the WG-RBMS to forward to FC and SC**

The FC-SC Joint Working Group on Risk-based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) met on 22-24 April 2015 in Halifax, Nova Scotia and agreed on the following recommendations (FC/SC Doc. 15/02):

- 1. Scientific Council convenes a technical working group which could explore the revision of the precautionary approach.
- 2. Fisheries Commission identifies scope and priorities for such a review.
- 3. Scientific Council gives a high priority to development of reference points for all stocks which lack them.
- 4. Scientific Council performs a review of the Div. 3M cod MSE.
- 5. Scientific Council discusses the following HCR options for Div. 3M cod:
  - a. Starting points
    - i. F<sub>status quo</sub>
    - ii. 40% reduction
  - b. An HCR which meets management objectives 1 (very low risk of breaching B<sub>lim</sub>) and 2 (low risk of overfishing) within five years, and within ten years, with:
    - i. risk calculated for each year in the time series
    - ii. risk calculated for the end of the periods (final year)
    - iii. risk averaged over the periods