



37TH ANNUAL MEETING - SEPTEMBER 2015

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. **$F_{\text{status quo}}$**
 - ii. **40% reduction**
 - b. **An HCR which meets management objectives 1 (very low risk of breaching B_{lim}) 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**

