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Abstract

Commission Decision of 25 February 2016 setting up a Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries, C(2016) 1084, OJ C 74, 26.2.2016, p. 4–10. The Commission may consult the group on any matter relating to marine and fisheries biology, fishing gear technology, fisheries economics, fisheries governance, ecosystem effects of fisheries, aquaculture or similar disciplines. The STECF reviewed the report of the EWG on Fisheries-dependent Information during its summer 2017 plenary meeting and released this ADDENDUM in December 2017.

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Background

During its 56th plenary meeting in November 2017 the STECF dealt with a request from the Commission regarding fishing effort ceilings allocated in Sole and Plaice fisheries of the North Sea (section 5.6 of the 56th STECF plenary report¹).

The STECF was requested:

- to advise on the maximum level of fishing effort necessary to take catches of the plaice and sole equal to the EU share of the TACs adopted according to the multi-annual plan for plaice and sole in the North Sea (R (EC) No 676/2007);
- to report on the annual level of fishing effort deployed by vessels catching plaice and sole, and to report on the types of fishing gear used in such fisheries.

STECF based its advice on the ICES advice of 14th November 2017 and accompanying catch options, and the FDI-classic database hosted by the JRC as of July 2017. However, one value of the BT2 effort for one Member State for 2016 in the FDI-classic database was found to be incorrect during PLEN 17-03. Consequently, the total BT2 effort in the North Sea for 2016 has been corrected and updated to 29 437 '000 kWdays. The corrected value has been used to calculate the 2018 effort ceilings requested. The FDI-classic database has also been updated accordingly. It was decided to issue an addendum to the FDI-Classic report and to update the corresponding electronic data tables

ADDENDUM to the Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) - Fisheries Dependent Information – Classic (STECF-17-09) report:

Following the closure of the FDI-classic EWG meeting, an error in beam trawl effort data for the year 2016 was notified by The Netherlands. Under normal the STECF data handling procedures for Expert Working Groups² the database for this year would be considered final and no further uploads would be permitted. However, because a) there are no plans to update the FDI-classic going forwards (and therefore no opportunity for the data error to be corrected in the next data call round) and b) the correct data were required to answer a specific request from the Commission to the STECF (section 5.6 of the 56th STECF plenary report¹), corrected data from The Netherlands has been accepted into the FDI-classic database.

As a consequence any table or figure in the EWG report³ making use of Dutch beam trawl effort data (including lpue and cpue results) will not match the final data made available through the data dissemination site⁴. It is advised to refer to the data dissemination site if wishing to make use of the FDI data.

¹ Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) – 56th Plenary Meeting Report (PLEN-17-03); Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg; EUR XXXXX EN; doi:XXXXXX

² Ares(2015)498884 - 06/02/2015

³ Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) – Fisheries Dependent - Information – Classic (STECF-17-09). Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg 2017, ISBN 978-92-79-67481-5, doi:10.2760/561459, JRC107598

⁴ <https://stecf.jrc.ec.europa.eu/dd/effort>

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