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Subject: Revision II of the Data call 2015 (Ref. L.27/ABC/HSL, 3.2.2015 and 3.3.2015): Landings, discards, biological sample and effort data from 2014 to support the ICES fisheries advice in 2015.

Dear Reader,

Please find enclosed a revised version of a document describing the rationale, scope and technical details of this Data call 2015 and five annexes with additional information.

The revisions in Annex 1 concern the following Expert groups:

- a) Working Group for the Bay of Biscay and the Iberian Waters Ecoregion (WGBIE): Submission of data to either InterCatch or Accessions has changed for Megrim (mgw-78, mgw-8c9a, mgb-8c9a), Sole (sol-bisc) and Nephrops (nep-30).
- b) Working Group of the North Sea (WGNSSK): In the Benchmark WKPLE in February it was decided to merge the Plaice stocks from the North Sea (plensea) and Skagerrak (ple-skag) to plensea. For Lemon sole (lem-nsea), Nephrops (nep-33), Pollack (pol-nsea), Sole (sol-eche), and Whiting (whg-47d) new stock coordinators were assigned.
- c) Working Group for the Baltic Fisheries Assessment (WGBFAS): To accommodate the results from the Benchmark WKBALCOD and the input during the InterCatch training course from the participants in March, submissions for biological sampling data to InterCatch and Accessions have changed for cod-2224, cod-2532, dab-2232, fle-2425, fle-2628, ple2432. The data submission deadline for this data will be extended until 14.04.2015.
 - ICES is aware that this revision is issued after the deadline for WGBFAS in the original data call. To ensure an efficient WGBFAS meeting with update assessments available in the beginning of the meeting, ICES kindly asks data submitters to give priority to the revision of the Data call. Note that no additional data is being requested but only the approach to upload the data.
- d) North Western Working Group (NWWG): Information on data request was added as the original data call was incomplete (cod-iceg, cod-ingr, ghl-grn,

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smn-con, smn-dp, sms-sp, smr-5614). The Greenland offshore cod (cod-offgr) was split in the Benchmark WKICE in January into two stocks (cod-segr and cod-wgr).

- e) Working Group Celtic Sea (WGSCE): Request for discard data has been changed for Plaice (ple-iris). For Sole (sol-celt) a new stock coordinator was assigned.
- f) Working Group on Widely Distributed Stocks (WGWIDE): For Blue whiting (whb-comb) a new stock coordinator was assigned.

For clarity, changes to the previous version of the Data call are written in green.

The data will be used by ICES groups contributing to the advisory process addressing request for advice on fisheries, and fish and shellfish stocks from ICES advice recipients.

In case of questions please contact the ICES Secretariat (Henrikkn@ices.dk) for clarification.

Sincerely,

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