

Themes for the Danish Chairmanship of the Scheveningen Group 2019

1. Joint recommendations

The Danish Chairmanship will seek consensus within the Scheveningen Group in order to submit a joint recommendation for discard plans to the Commission by 31 May 2019. The Danish Chairmanship will also seek consensus on other joint recommendations, including one on the implementation of the EU-Norway agreement concerning the Skagerrak.

2. Brexit

The United Kingdom will leave the European Union 29 March 2019, which could have substantial effects on the North Sea fisheries, especially in a ‘no deal’ scenario. The Danish Chairmanship is committed to explore possible solutions in order to address the adverse effects of Brexit in the North Sea fisheries.

3. Fully documented fisheries

It is difficult to control compliance with the landing obligation with the available tools today. That is why the Danish Chairmanship considers it appropriate to look to new methods of ensuring compliance. Fully documented fisheries with the application of REM is a cost effective option, which ensures compliance because all catches are documented. The Danish Chairmanship will explore the opportunities of this technology in the Scheveningen Group.

4. Choke species

On 1 January 2019 the landing obligation will come into full effect on all TAC species. While a substantial part of the Scheveningen Group’s work in past years has been dedicated to addressing choke species situations, the full effect of the landing obligation is expected to create new choke species situations. We have yet to see which issues might arise. The Danish Chairmanship is committed to seeking



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consensus within the Scheveningen Group to address chokes species situations in 2019.

5. Implementation of technical conservation measures

The framework proposal for technical conservations measures (COM(2016) 134) is currently being negotiated in trilogue. After adoption the Danish Chairmanship will prepare discussions within the Scheveningen Group to consider any needs for adaptation of technical conservation measures in the North Sea fisheries through joint recommendations to the Commission.



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Tentative dates for Scheveningen Group meetings 2019

Please find below the tentative list of meeting days of the Scheveningen Group under the Danish chairmanship in 2019. Two-day meetings are planned to begin at 13h00 the first day and to end at 12h00 the second day. The Danish chairmanship looks forward to welcoming you all in Copenhagen.

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| 21-22 January (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting |
| 18-19 February (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting |
| 27 February (Wednesday) | High-level meeting |
| - [Back-to-back with REM Conference on 26 February] | |
| 11-12 March (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting |
| 8-9 April (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting |
| 9-10 May (Thursday-Friday) | Technical meeting |
| 22 May (Wednesday) | High-level meeting |
| 24-25 June (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting |

Summer break (potentially written procedure...)

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| 9-10 September (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting |
| 2 October (Wednesday) | High-level meeting |
| 21-22 October (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting |
| 18-19 November (Monday-Tuesday) | Technical meeting (if needed) |
| 27 November (Wednesday) | High-level meeting (if needed) |

Meetings in Scheveningen Control Expert Group to be decided.