**The North Sea Advisory Council**

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**Focus Group
Terms of Reference**Choke Risk

**Purpose (aims and objectives):**

1. To identify potential Choke Risks in the North Sea Demersal Fisheries
2. To identify possible mitigation measures
3. To prepare draft advice that takes into account:
* Avoidance and selectivity options
* Legal constraints
* International Fisheries Negotiations, including long-term management strategies
* Inter-species interactions and shifting population distributions
* Balancing rebuilding strategies and short-term socio-economic consequences
1. To take into account unintended (but not necessarily unforeseeable) consequences of management measures

**Recipients of Advice (target audience):**

The Commission, PECH Committee, Scheveningen Group

**End result (main headings):**

* Avoidance and selectivity options
* Legal constraints
* International Fisheries Negotiations, including long-term management strategies
* Inter-species interactions and shifting population distributions
* Balancing rebuilding strategies and short-term socio-economic consequences

**Measures of success (Key Performance Indicators):**