

PURPOSE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The group will review all aspects of mixed stock fishing. It will establish what is currently known about mixed stock fisheries, identifying the impact of such fisheries on management and conservation and it will make agreed recommendations for their future management based on evidence and good practice.

The group will:

- draw upon any information that is available in the public domain.
- identify gaps in knowledge, and flag up these gaps to the research community and to its funding sources.
- take into account international trends, guidelines and obligations.
- assess the financial, social and economic issues concerning these fisheries.

In the light of these considerations the group will prepare a report that includes strategic recommendations for Scottish Government and for all parties involved in mixed stock fisheries management.

The report will be submitted to the Scottish Government by 31 December 2009 at the latest.