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- WHY another Brown Crab Focus Group?
- Brown crab has been steadily increasing in importance for a number of fleets in EU waters
- Brown Crab has already been the subject of advice to the European Commission regarding
  - Management (NWWAC)
  - Cadmium levels (MAC)
- Brown Crab has encountered a number of difficulties regarding market access, especially in Asian markets
- Brown Crab is a non-quota species so care must be taken that it is not over-exploited

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- What are the objectives of the Joint FG Brown Crab?
  - Draft advice with a series of recommendations to the European Commission and relevant EU Member States on the brown crab supply chain issues, such as:
    - Management measures
    - Collection of information on fishing effort
    - Sanitary requirements
    - Transport and export to third countries
    - Regulatory alignment with third countries
    - Strategies and preparation for unforeseen circumstances (i.e. Pandemics)
    - Adequate consumer information
    - Potential communication tools and information sources for operators

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- WHAT will this Focus Group on Brown Crab do?
- Widen the scope of dialogue between all brown crab stakeholders in EU waters to improve communications
- Assess the common problems for the stakeholders at all stages of the supply chain from catching to market including
  - Management measures
  - Fishing effort
  - Regulatory issues, especially regarding third countries
  - Strategies and preparation for unforeseen circumstances such as the COVID-19 pandemic

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- What will this Focus Group on Brown Crab look like?

ADVISORY COUNCIL	SECTOR	ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
<b>MAC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aquaculture</li> <li>- Processing</li> <li>- Processing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EMPA</li> <li>- Visfederatie</li> <li>- PSPR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sarah Horsfall</li> <li>- Mike Turenhout</li> <li>- Jarosław Zieliński</li> </ul>
<b>NWWAC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catching</li> <li>- Catching</li> <li>- Catching</li> <li>- Catching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- KFO</li> <li>- ISWFPO</li> <li>- CRPMEM Hauts-de-France</li> <li>- CRPMEM Hauts-de-France</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Norah Parke</li> <li>- Patrick Murphy</li> <li>- Anaïs Roussel</li> <li>- Stéphane Pinto</li> </ul>
<b>NSAC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Catching</li> <li>- Catching</li> <li>- Catching</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- DFPO</li> <li>- VisNed</li> <li>- German Fishermen Association</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michael Andersen</li> <li>- Geert Meun</li> <li>- Peter Breckling</li> </ul>

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- WHAT is the Brown Crab Focus Group Timeline?
- The Brown Crab Focus Group has already begun its work
- Terms of Reference have been adopted
- Initial Meeting (virtual) was held on 17<sup>th</sup> November
- The Chair (Norah Parke) was elected.
- The Focus Group will begin its work as soon as possible and report regularly to its parent Advisory Councils
- It will prepare advice for the European Commission by September 2020.

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- A sincere “Thank you” to the Secretariats of
- The Markets Advisory Council
- The North Western Waters Advisory Council  
and
- The North Sea Advisory Council  
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