

Appendix 1: Overview of coverage and quality of supporting information for all exemption requests

This Appendix consists of Table A which provides an overview of the coverage and quality of evidence of the supporting information provided in the joint recommendations (JRs) for the North Western Waters (NWW)¹ and for the North Sea (NS)². This is based on the detailed evaluation of all individual exemption requests which can be found in Appendix 2. The legend for the table is included on this page, the actual table (Table A) follows on the next page.

Legend for Table A

- NA: the respective justification was not used in the exemption request.
- ?: it was not clear from the request if any further areas/gear types/countries are involved in the fishery or if discard estimates/evidence should have been provided for additional unspecified gear types also potentially falling under the exemption.
- (): the respective information given in the exemption request referred to a different gear type/area than what the exemption was requested for.
- *: this denotes the primary argument(s) in cases where both 'disproportionate costs' and 'difficult selectivity' were used as justifications.
- Coverage: 0 = none of the area/gear /countries the request refers to are covered. 1= not specified, only other areas/gear/countries than the ones covered by the exemption, or only partial coverage. 2 = full coverage.
- Discard data: 0 = no data. 1 = mostly rough estimates/ranges instead of concrete values. 2 = mostly concrete estimates.
- 'High survival' evidence: 0 = argument used, but no evidence. 2 = thorough evidence.
- 'Difficult selectivity' evidence: 0 = evidence of high selectivity of utilised gear, but not of difficulty to improve it further. 1 = partial evidence (only 1 study, or just reasonable claim without detailed evidence). 2 = review of different options and/or evidence of why selectivity improvement is difficult.
- 'Disproportionate costs' evidence: 0 = argument used, but no evidence. 1 = some figures/ calculations but no thorough analysis of the costs being 'disproportionate'. 2 = more thorough economic analysis supporting the claim of disproportionate costs.

¹ North Western Waters High Level-Group. [Joint Recommendation of the North Western Waters High-Level Group](#). Discard plan for demersal fisheries in the North Western Waters. Sent out by the NWW Member State Group on 2 June 2015, 81 pp.(referred to as 'NWW JR' in this report)

² Scheveningen Group: [Joint Recommendation of the Scheveningen Group](#). Discard plan for demersal fisheries in the North Sea, 16 pp. (referred to as 'NS JR' in this report)

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Table A: Summary of issues identified for the 16 NS and NWW demersal discard plan exemption requests. Colour codes: grey = not applicable, green = probably sufficient evidence, yellow = partial evidence, red = no/insufficient evidence. The rest of the legend is on the previous page. Please refer to Appendix 2 for more information on the individual exemption requests.

| Exemption request (see Tab. 3 and 4 in the report) | Discards | | | | Evidence for exemption justifications | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------|------|-----------|------|---------------------------------------|------|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| | Coverage | | | Data | Coverage | | | High survival | Difficult selectivity | Disproportionate costs | | | |
| | Area | Gear | Countries | | Area | Gear | Countries | | | On-board handling | Handling after landing | Low value vs market-able catch | On-board sorting |
| NS1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NS2 | 2 | 1? | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1? | 1 | 2 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NS3 | 1 | 1? | 2 | 2 | 1 | 1? | 2 | 0 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NS4 | 2 | 2 | 2? | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2? | NA | 0 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NS5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | (2) | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NS6 | 2 | (2) | 1 | 2 | 2 | (2) | 1 | NA | 1 | 2*? | NA | NA | 2* |
| NS7 | 1 | (1) | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2? | NA | 1 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NS8 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | NA | NA | 1 | NA | NA |
| NWW1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NWW2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | (1) | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NWW3 | 1 | (2) | 1 | (1) | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | 1 | NA | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| NWW4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | 1 | NA | 1* | 1* | NA |
| NWW5 | 1 | (1) | 1 | (1) | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | 1* | NA | NA | 1 | NA |
| NWW6 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | 2 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| NWW7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | NA | NA | NA | 2 | NA | 0 |
| NWW8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 1 | NA | 1 | NA | NA | NA | NA |