

**ICES/PICES Working Group on Small Pelagic Fish – Kick-off Meeting**  
**ICES Headquarters in Copenhagen, Denmark,**  
**March 9–11, 2020**

**Draft Agenda**

Monday, March 9

- 9:00 - Welcome and registration
- 9:15 - Explanation of mandatory duties of the ICES/PICES WG
- 9:30- Overview of the motivations and objectives for the Working Group (co-chairs)
- 10:00 - Brief introductions of members, 2 slides each (contributed prior to the meeting) with Q&A when needed.
  - Slide 1: Where are you from and what is your area of expertise?
  - Slide 2: Offer one or two questions that need to be addressed to better resolve SPF dynamics of SPF
- 11:00 - Coffee break (and group photo)
- 11:20- Review the ToRs and amend the working group's deliverables based on contributions from members (group discussion mediated by the co-chairs)
  - Proposed:
    - o Develop topic-specific task forces
    - o Submit a world-wide review of understanding of SPF responses to environmental change
    - o Generate a "perspectives" type manuscript highlighting key questions on SPF dynamics
    - o Plan, conduct, synthesize key results emerging from the international symposium
- 13:00 - Lunch Break
- 14:00 - Develop a timeline of deliverables (group discussion mediated by co-chairs)
- 15:00 - Coffee break
- 15:20 - Formation of topic-specific task forces. Define issues to be addressed, appoint scientist(s) responsible to lead the sub-groups. Brief overviews of key questions based on member input prior to meeting (e.g. what are key climate-change questions, population dynamics questions, ecophysiology questions, modeling questions, stock-assessment questions, etc.?)
- 17:30 - Break for the day
  
- 19:00 - Group Dinner

## Tuesday, March 10

- 9:00 - Review of discussion and plan outlined on Day 1 (co-chairs)
- 9:15 - Components of a world-wide review of current understanding of SPF responses to environmental change; how is this different than the SPACC book? (group discussion). Discuss alignment of Key topics in the review and task force topics
- 10:00 - Coffee break
- 10:20 - Discussions within task forces (different rooms?). Charge these groups with 1) outlining topics to be mentioned in the world-wide review of SPF understanding; and 2) highlighting a few research priorities to facilitate future progress, particularly when that progress would be facilitated by global collaboration
- 13:00 - Lunch break
- 14:30 - Continued discussion and outlining of a section of a review paper with a few slides
- 15:30 - Reconvene as one group; task forces report back on their ideas for a review and for research priorities
- 16:30 - Group discussion; review writing assignments
- 17:30 - Break for the day
  
- 19:00 – Group Dinner

## Wednesday, March 11

- 9:00 - Review of discussion and plan outlined on Days 1 and 2 (co-chairs)
- 9:15 - ICES and PICES sub-groups form to outline plans for ICES Annual Science Conference and PICES Annual Meeting. Discuss and potential funding streams for travel support.
- 9:45 - Reconvene and discuss these ICES and PICES plans as a group
- 10:00. Coffee break
- 10:15 - Outline session topics for a 2021 international symposium
- 11:00 - Outline and drafting of the workshop report(s)
  
- 13:00 - Break for the day