

Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Work Group Objectives
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Determine the most appropriate representation of Atlantic Cod stock structure for use in regional stock assessments (NAFO Divisions 5 and 6 and interactions with 4X) based on currently available information. "Most appropriate" means having the greatest scientific support and accurately capturing the available data and assessment model frameworks. This determination will not include the running of assessment models.

Identify high priority research that would contribute significantly to the issue of cod stock structure.

Broadly consider potential management actions to meet management objectives including but not limited to maintaining status quo, altering stock boundaries, spatial and temporal restrictions, and stock composition analyses.

The following are explicitly not part of this Working Group: New benchmark assessment, reference determination, and quota setting.

Follow a transparent process by including stakeholders in public meetings and through regular updates.