

**REPORT OF THE
STUDY GROUP ON METHODS FOR MEASURING THE
SELECTIVITY OF STATIC GEAR**

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The **Study Group on Methods for Measuring the Selectivity of Static Gear** (SGMMG) met on 8-9 April in Ijmuiden, Netherlands. The study group participants were:

Arill Engas	Alain Frechet
Pingguo He	Chris Smith
Esteban Puente	Matts Ulmestrand
Marianne Farrington	Ole R. Eighard
Charles West	Hallvard Godoy
Terje Jorgensen	Arnold Carr

Two papers were presented, each providing valuable discussion to elements of the study group's Terms of Reference, the papers were:

“Effects of soak time on catch per unit effort of longline and gillnets of the Northern Gulf of St. Lawrence cod stock” by Marthe Berube, Hygo Bourdages and Alain Frechet

“Index of saturation of longline and gill nets in Sentinel fisheries for cod in the Northern Gulf of St Lawrence” by Sylvie Brulotte, Alain Frechet

Pingguo He presented a paper on the “Selectivity of Traps and other Gear”. The discussion in this paper included separating pots from traps as they have different characteristics.

Work intersessionally on the gillnet and longline sessions was presented. These two sections were further expanded into a final draft outline that would be used in the current process of writing these sections. Draft outlines for traps and for pots were also produced. All these were focused upon in concurrent breakout groups and then presented to the full study group at the end of the two day session.

SGMMG recognized that major work must progress in the writing of the manual sections with two dates most important: substantial progress prior to the fall ASM meeting and a draft for the Study Group to review by January 2001. Those that were present at the two day meeting will be joined by those unable to be present that have previously committed themselves to the drafting of the manual.

Respectively submitted,

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Chair, SGMMG

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