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1. The group met on 17 December 2010 and considered two critical items of business:
 - i. Dogger Bank post consultation report and SAC selection assessment document
 - ii. A new SAC proposal for DEFRA, Croker Carbonate Slabs.
2. Minor amendments were made to the Dogger Bank documents and signed off by the sub-group. The final documents were also circulated to the Joint Committee. The Dogger Bank post consultation documents have now been formally notified to Defra and the site is expected to be submitted to the European Commission during the summer of 2011.
3. The new proposal for Croker Carbonate Slabs was endorsed and the documents have been circulated to the Joint Committee for final endorsement. This site proposal will then be formally notified to Defra for clearance to proceed with formal public consultation.
4. The sub-group also received a number of other papers (several on SPAs and seabird conservation) but the meeting was curtailed due to the severe weather and discussion of these papers was postponed.