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## Question 1. (Weight 4)

The lectures in the fisheries biology part of the autumn 2013 course were structured in the following points:

- 1. The most common goal in stock management
- 2. The practical tools and methods to achieve that goal
- 3. The biological knowledge about the stocks needed in the work to reach that goal
- 4. The professional international framework at disposition for stock management

Give a resymé of the contents in each of points 1-4.

#### Question 2. (Weight 2)

- a) Explain the concepts passive and active net gear. Give examples.
- b) Explain the concepts «selection factor» and " $L_{50}$ " for net gear, with a numerical example of their use.

## Question 3. (Weight 1)

Explain the concepts

- a) By-catch
- b) Dumping
- c) EEZ

## Question 4. (Weight 2)

The genetically effective population size  $N_{\rm e}$  is affected by many factors, such as the sex proportion in the population, variable offspring numbers between families, historical variation in population size, etc.

Consider a population with a generation interval of 1 year which varied in population size over a period of 5 years, with  $N_e$  values as in the table below. Use the appropriate formula and calculate the effective size of the population for the whole 5-year period.

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5
N <sub>e</sub>	500	40	50	300	500

#### Question 5. (Weight 2)

A random sample of specimens from a population in a diploid species was analysed for individual genotype at a locus with two alleles *A* and *B*. The genotypic distribution in the sample was: *AA:14*, *AB:52*, *B;34*.

- a) Calculate allele frequencies.
- b) Calculate observed  $(H_{obs})$  and expected  $(H_{exp})$  heterozygosity.
- c) Carry out a H-W Goodness-of-fit test and report the chi-squared value for observed *vs* expected genotypic proportions.