

MINUTES

FOCUS GROUP CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Virtual meeting via Teams Friday 9 October 2020 09:30 – 11:00 CET

1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair Jacopo Pasquero welcomed the members to the meeting and especially Lucile Toulhoat (CNPMEM) who took over from Rosalie Crespin in the group.

No apologies were received in advance of the meeting and the agenda was adopted as drafted.

Action points from last meeting (23 July 2020):

1	Members to forward their comments/list of key points to the Secretariat which will then		
	collate them and include them into the questionnaire for ExCom approval.		
	Closed, as reply to public consultation on Climate Adaptation Strategy was provided on 20		
	August 2020.		
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2. Decision on contribution to EU public consultations (Carbon border adjustment mechanism and Ocean energy)

Members agreed that replying Carbon border adjustment mechanism public consultation would need specific technical expertise that the group might not own.

ACTION: Members who couldn't examine the carbon border adjustment mechanism consultation prior to today's meeting should let the Secretariat know by Monday 12 October if they wish to work on a reply to this consultation.

About the ocean energy consultation, members agreed on the relevance of the topic to the NWWAC. The FG decided to work on preparing a reply but a screening of the relevant questions to consider should be made before embarking in the task.

ACTION: Lucile to have a look at the consultation questionnaire and identify the relevant questions which she should communicate to the rest of the group prior to the next FG meeting.



In relation to the ocean energy consultation, the Secretariat pointed out that the group should take into account the work of the FG organised jointly with the PelAC and the NSAC looking at impacts from seismic activities and offshore wind farms.

ACTION: Secretariat to send out a doodle next week for setting up a meeting to reply to Ocean Energy consultation in the week 19-23 October.

3. Organisation of a workshop on climate change impact on fisheries

The group examined and discussed the draft prepared by the Secretariat. It was agreed that:

- The workshop is taking place virtually on 26 November 2020
- The workshop should focus on the NWW region, with a first session of presentations tackling
 the climate change impact on fisheries with a general perspective, a second focusing on
 specific case studies on NWW fisheries, and a third investigating possible adaptation and
 mitigation solutions.
- Presentations in session 2 should address all geographic areas in the NWW
- Results of the workshop will feed into the advice to the COM from this FG
- Other ACs should also be invited to attend as observers
- Questions to be asked to experts can also be prepared prior to the meeting by this FG
 (thinking about strategic questions which will help in the preparation of the advice); AC
 members can also be asked to provide questions prior to the event.
- A set of questions could be developed by this group to be distributed among participants after the workshop to learn their opinions/comments on the topics discussed

ACTION: Members to come back to Secretariat with suggestions on experts to be considered for this workshop by Friday 16 October. In the meantime, the Secretariat can already get in touch with COM, ICES and Ernesto Pena (IUCN Fisheries expert group).

ACTION: Secretariat to send a "save the date" notification as soon as confirmation of availability is received by a sufficient number of experts.

ACTION: Secretariat to finalise the workshop Terms of Reference with input from this meeting. The ToR should be send out for ExCom approval by Monday 19 October.

4. Planning and next meetings

The FG will meet again in the week 19-23 October to prepare the reply to the Ocean energy consultation. Developments to the ToR and organisation of the workshop will also be discussed.



5. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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6. Participants list

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