TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title:
Focus Group on Marine Plastics

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Working language:
English

Time frame and deadline:
Draft recommendations to be presented to the ExCom at the NWWAC summer meeting in July 2020
The FG Marine Plastics will function within the Horizontal Working Group.

Objective:
1. To co-organise a workshop on Marine Plastics with the MAC and the AAC for November 2019
2. To organise a workshop in conjunction with NSAC on the redesign and handling of fishing gear for Jan/Feb 2020
3. To develop recommendations to the COM on operational aspects of Fishing for Litter and the Single Use Plastics Directive, specifically
   a. Classification of landed material
   b. Harmonisation of FFL across European Member States incl. reference to funding mechanisms, incl. port reception facilities
   c. Identify and promote best practice
   d. Identify new gear technologies
   e. Exploration of the extended producer responsibility scheme and modulated fees