



AGENDA

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

BEC – Bilbao

Thursday 18th of April 2013

09:00-11:00

- 09:00 - 09:10 **1. Welcome by the Chair, Bertie Armstrong**
- Apologies
 - Adoption of the agenda
 - Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Paris, 31 January 2013)
- 09:10 - 09:30 **2. Actions put forward by geographical Working Groups**
- Working Group 1 (West of Scotland) Chair: Jane Sandell
 - Working Group 2 (West of Ireland) Chair: Jesús Lourido
 - Working Group 3 (Channel) Chair: Daniel Lefèvre
 - Working Group 4 (Irish Sea) Chair: Alan McCulla
- Adoption of actions by the Executive Committee**
- 09:30 - 09:45 **3. Chairman's report on NWWRAC representation during 1st quarter of 2013**
- InterRAC Chairs and Vice-Chairs' meeting (Brussels, 28 February)
 - Coordination Meeting between DG MARE and RACs (Brussels, 1 March)
 - NWWRAC communication with Member States and European Parliament on CFP reform – future role of the Advisory Councils and regionalisation
 - InterRAC Secretariats' administrative and financial matters
 - Decision of withdrawal from WWF UK
 - Joint RAC Workshop on Deep-sea Fisheries (Edinburgh, May 2013?)
- 09:45 - 10:00 **4. Update on Commission's work programme and forthcoming consultations**
- EC Work priorities in relation to North Western Waters for 2013
 - Questions from the floor
- 10:00 – 10:20 **5. Exchange of views on NWWRAC work priorities for the 2nd quarter of 2013**
- Technical Measures and Discards Plans by fisheries
 - Management plan for Celtic Sea stocks
 - Management plan for cod mixed demersal fisheries in WoS and Irish Sea
 - Data limited stocks
 - Marine Spatial Planning in the Atlantic Area



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6. CFP Reform: Role, functioning and funding of the Advisory Councils

- State of Play of trilogue EP-Council-Commission (DG MARE)
- Commission's questionnaire to the NWWAC – action plan
- How to foster eNGOs and other stakeholders' group participation?
- Open discussion from the floor and proposals
- Proposed way forward

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7. Summary of actions agreed and concluding remarks by the Chair

Close of the meeting