



AGENDA

North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**CNPMEM – Paris
Thursday 7th of November 2013
16:00-18:00**

16:00 - 16:10

1. Welcome by the Chair, Bertie Armstrong

- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Dublin, 18 September 2013)

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2. Working Groups Actions

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| • 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 |

Discussion / Adoption by the Executive Committee

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3. CFP Reform: regionalisation in the EU decision making process; Role, composition, functioning and funding of the Advisory Councils (ACs)

Report from the Chairman and Secretariat on:

- Coordination meeting (DG MARE-RACs; Brussels, 24 October 2013);
- EC Workshop on CFP Reform (Brussels, 25 October 2013);
- Composition of the ACs; 60:40 ratio;
- Legal Status of the ACs; administrative and financial rules.

Questions for discussion

- What is your opinion on the new format of the Working Groups? Is this fit for purpose for achieving the aim of producing advice?
- How many members should there be in the Ex.Com?



- What additional sources of funding would you envisage ACs applying for?
- How can the NWW Advisory Council engage with Member States to develop management and discard plans in Western Waters?
- What form of working relationship is anticipated between the NWW Advisory Council and the European Parliament and other public agencies or advisory bodies (e.g. ICES, STECF, EFCA)?

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4. CFP Reform: implementation of landings obligation in North Western Waters

Reports on:

- Conclusions and actions arising from the NWWAC Discards Horizontal Working Group (Dublin, 18 September) – Luc Corbisier
- Outcomes of the last EC Workshop on CFP Reform (Brussels, 25 October) – Bertie Armstrong / Luc Corbisier / Secretariat
- Review of existing technical measures – DG MARE

Questions for discussion

- What work can the NWWAC contribute on selectivity measures?
- What are the elements to be included in regional discards plans for ICES VI and VII?

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5. Report on non RAC meetings and forthcoming events

- ICES ADG on Nephrops - Copenhagen, 21-22 October 2013 – E. O'Sullivan
- ICES WG on Maritime Systems (WGMARS) – Stockholm, 4-5 November
- STECF EWG 13-17 on Discards – Dublin, 26-28 November 2013 – B. Deas

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6. EC Proposal of Regulation on Fishing Opportunities for 2014 – B. Armstrong

- Analysis and comments on key aspects – Bertie Armstrong
- Situation of data limited stocks: next steps – Barrie Deas
- Agreed actions to be pursued prior to the December Council

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

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