
Chairman's Annual Report

General Assembly
Dublin Castle
27th October 2011



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Year 6 (October 2010 - September 2011)

Work Programme Review



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18 Meetings of the RAC



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Year 6 – RAC Meetings (i)

- ❑ **1 General Assembly (Dublin, 27 October 2010)**

- ❑ **4 Executive Committee**
 - Paris, 27 January 2011
 - Bilbao, 14 April 2011
 - Dublin, 7 July 2011
 - Madrid, 16 September 2011

- ❑ **2 sets of 4 Sub-regional Working Groups**
 - Bilbao, 13 April 2011
 - Dublin, 6 July 2011



Year 6 – RAC Meetings (ii)

- ❑ **1 Horizontal WG on Maritime Spatial Planning and Integrated Coastal Zone Management (Bilbao, 14 April 2011)**

- ❑ **1 Annual Presentation of ICES Advice for 2011 and Commission Proposal on Fishing Opportunities for 2012 (Dublin, 5 July 2011)**

- ❑ **6 Focus Groups :**
 - Reform of the CFP – Dublin, 27 October 2010
 - Economic aspects of Fisheries Management – Dublin, 28 Oct. 2010
 - Celtic Sea Mixed Demersal Fisheries - Paris, 27 January 2011
 - Review of Cod Recovery Plans – Dublin, 30 May 2011
 - Celtic Sea Mixed Demersal Fisheries – Dublin, 7 July 2011
 - Skates, Rays and Sharks – Madrid, 16 September



Year 6 – RAC Meetings (iii)

- **3 other meetings** (Technical Sessions / Seminars / Workshops)
 - ICES/NSRAC/NWWRAC Coordination Meeting on Data Deficiency (WKDDRAC) – Copenhagen, 26 January 2010
 - ICES/NSRAC/NWWRAC Coordination Meeting on Data Deficiency (WKDDRAC2) – Copenhagen, 31 March – 1 April 2011
 - Information Session on Technical Measures and Discards - Dublin Castle, 5 July 2011



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External Meetings



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External Meetings Y6 (i) – Some examples

- Meeting Commission/ACFA/RACs on Fishing Opportunities for 2011
Brussels, 10 October 2010
- Commission's Workshop on Western Waters Regime
Brussels, 15 October 2010
- Coordination Meeting between Director General Ms. Evans and the RACs
Brussels, 2 December 2010
- VI Annual Meeting between ICES and the RACs (MIRAC)
Copenhagen, 25 January 2011
- ICES Benchmark Workshop (WKFLAT)
Copenhagen, 1-8 February 2011
- Coordination Meeting between Commission (DG MARE) and the RACs
Brussels, 2 March 2011

External Meetings Y6 (ii) – Some examples

- EC Conference: Stakeholders Hearing on Discarding
Brussels, 3 May 2011
- ICES-STEFC Joint Scoping Meeting on Review of LTMP for Cod Stocks
Copenhagen, 28 February-4 March 2011
- EC Seminar on the State of European Fish Stocks in 2012
Brussels, 8 September 2011
- STECF EWG on Evaluation of Cod Stocks, Sole 7e
Hamburg, 20-24 June 2011
- CFCA Advisory Board Meetings
Brussels, 2 March / Vigo, 28 Sept. 2011

Year 6 - Letters, Opinions and Advice

16 submissions

All public and available in the publications section of the NWWRAC website: www.nwwrac.org

Letters, Opinions and Advice (i)

Type of Advice produced - Main areas of Work:

- CFP Reform
- EC Fishing Opportunities for 2011/2012
- Data Quality for Stock Assessments
- Management Plans (e.g. Cod, Haddock, Nephrops, Sole)
- Technical Conservation Measures
- Discards
- TACs, Effort regime and selectivity in Celtic Sea (VIIIfg)
- Deepsea species (i.e. Blue Ling) and Skates, Rays and Sharks



Letters, Opinions and Advice (ii)

- ❑ Letter on Regulation of Review of Cod Recovery Plan (8/11/2011)
- ❑ Letter regarding transit rights through Porcupine during Nephrops seasonal closure (25/11/2010)
- ❑ Letter regarding effort management for Celtic Sea - VIIfg (25/11/2010)
- ❑ Letter on Review of Cod Recovery Plans / EC Proposals on Nephrops Management for Area VII (17/2/2011)



Letters, Opinions and Advice (iii)

- ❑ Position on a LTMP for Mixed Demersal Fisheries in the Celtic Sea: framework and objectives (21/3/2011)
- ❑ Letter on Role and Funding of the RACs in a Reformed CFP (19/4/2011)
- ❑ Position on Discards (29/4/2011)
- ❑ Position Paper for STECF on Review of Cod Recovery Plan (13/6/2011)
- ❑ Letter on Management of Celtic Sea Cod (in-year TAC) (8/7/2011)
- ❑ Opinion on Review of LTMP for Western Channel Sole (8/7/2011)



Letters, Opinions and Advice (iv)

- ❑ Assessment of management measures for Blue Ling (11/07/2011)
- ❑ Response to EC Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2012 (19/7/2011)
- ❑ Letter on Evaluation of Data Deficient Stocks (19/7/2011)
- ❑ Letter to ICES on data deficiencies for stock assessments (29/7/2011)
- ❑ Letter on Interim Measures for Vla haddock (19/9/2011)
- ❑ Letter on Technical Conservation Measures (19/9/2011)



Year 7 (October 2011 – September 2012)

Work Programme



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Proposed work programme (i)

PRIORITY WORK AREAS FOR NWWRAC FOR YEAR 7 (2011-2012)

(extracted from the NWWRAC Work Programme for Year 6 presented to the Commission the 26 September 2011)

- ❑ CFP Reform
- ❑ Long-term Management Plans in North Western Waters
- ❑ Quality of Scientific and Economic Data



Proposed work programme (ii)

PRIORITY WORK AREAS FOR NWWRAC FOR YEAR 7 (2011-2012)

- ❑ Discarding
- ❑ Technical Conservation Measures
- ❑ Marine Spatial Planning and Natura 2000
- ❑ Control and Enforcement

Year 7 - Proposed Calendar of Meetings (i)

- ❑ **General Assembly and Executive Committee - October 27, Dublin**
- ❑ **Focus Group on Review of Cod Recovery Plan - October 27, Dublin**
- ❑ **Sub-regional (geographical) Working Groups - October 28, Dublin**
- ❑ Focus Group on Celtic Sea Mixed Fisheries
November/December 2011, Paris / Brussels / Dublin?
- ❑ Working Groups and Executive Committee
February / March 2012, Madrid / Paris?



Year 7 - Proposed Calendar of Meetings (ii)

- ❑ **Working Groups and Executive Committee – 3-5 July, Dublin Castle**
- ❑ **General Assembly and Executive Committee**
26 September 2012, Dublin Castle
- ❑ **4-5 Focus Groups to be agreed 2012**
 - Northern Hake
Bilbao, 1st half 2012?
 - Technical Conservation Measures / Discards
Venue to be confirmed, 1st half of 2012?
- ❑ **Other “ad hoc” meetings (RACs, ICES, STECF, EC, EP...)**



Year 7 - Focus Groups

- Funding for 5 Focus Groups (1/2 day duration each);
 - Max. 8 members per meeting (entitled to reimbursement);
 - Number of FGs could increase if linked to ExCom/WGs meetings
- Call of interest (room for flexibility)
 - Suggestions of Topics;
 - Application forms by Working Group Chairs;
 - Final Selection by the Executive Committee.
- Interpretation services only if requested;
 - Depending on funding availability.
 - Will seek sponsorship from MS/private donors



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