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# The nomination and election of NWWRAC Positions (2011)

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North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council  
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# Honorary President (NWWRAC)

- Term of office: 3 years (Art 40)
    - The current Presidency ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011
    - Possibility of renewable mandate
  - Proposed procedure (in accordance with Arts. 11 and 40)
    - 1) Call for applications:
      - ❖ Call open for six months;
        - ❖ from 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2010 to 30<sup>th</sup> of May, 2011.
      - ❖ Open to all members of the GA of the NWWRAC;
      - ❖ Must be nominated and seconded by another member;
      - ❖ Secretariat to organise the election process and announce the candidates
    - 2) Decision to be adopted at the next General Assembly in 2011.
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# Chairperson (NWWRAC Executive Committee) (i)

- Agreed term of office: 3 years; Current term ends on the 30<sup>th</sup> of September, 2011; Possibility of renewable mandate;
  - Fixed-term contract for services: Tender procedure to be launched in compliance with EC financial rules;
  - Proposed procedure (in accordance with Art. 41):
    - 1) Call for applications
      - ❖ Call open for six months;
        - ❖ From 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2011.
      - ❖ Open to all the members of the General Assembly;
      - ❖ Secretariat to provide tender specs and forms.
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# Chairperson (NWWRAC Executive Committee) (ii)

- 2) Evaluation Committee to be appointed by the Executive Committee
    - ❖ Composition: 3-5 members and Secretariat staff as observers;
    - ❖ Main duties: Checking of eligibility (i.e. selection and award) criteria and assessment of economic offer (following the principle of “best value for money”).
  - 3) Evaluation Committee’s decision to revert to the Executive Committee for endorsement;
  - 4) Announce and introduce the elected Chairman to the General Assembly in 2011.
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# Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs

(Executive Committee)

## 1. Vice-chairpersons (Article 43)

- To be appointed annually by members of the Executive Committee;
- Must be a voting member of the Executive Committee.

In practice, Vice-Chairs have been appointed for periods of 3 years.

## 2. Rapporteurs (Article 44)

- To be appointed annually by members of the Executive Committee;
- Does not need to be a member of the Executive Committee.

Secretariat has assumed the role of rapporteur at ExCom meetings to date.

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# Executive Committee members

- Appointed by the General Assembly (Article 22);
  - Period: 3 years (renewable);
  - Composition (Arts 22-24): up to 24 Members
    - 16 Fisheries Sector;
    - 8 Other Interest Groups.
  - Procedure (in accordance with Art. 25):
    - ❖ Open call of interest among all members of the GA;
    - ❖ Organizations to be put forward, not persons;
    - ❖ Decision to be taken at the General Assembly in 2011.
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# Sub-regional Working Groups

## Election of Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons

- There is no specific term of office for Chairpersons and Vice-chairpersons in the rules of procedure for sub-area Working Groups;
  - The terms of other NWWRAC positions (e.g. Chairperson, Executive Committee Members, Secretariat) are subject to mandated renewal (i.e. see report of the General Assembly of 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2008);
  - Option for a renewable mandate: possibility of re-election of current Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons.
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# Sub-regional Working Groups

## Election of Chairpersons

### Proposed way forward

*(following accords adopted at Executive Committee meeting 8 Sept 2009)*

- ❖ Maintain the present balance of interests:
  - ❖ Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of each Working Group should be of the same nationality as currently; Agreed by consensus at the Inaugural General Assembly (30<sup>th</sup> September, 2005);
  
- ❖ Establish a limited term of office of three years:
  - ❖ The starting date would be the 1<sup>st</sup> of October, 2011, in line with other NWWRAC positions;

An AMENDMENT of the rules of procedure is needed (Art. 53) – The Secretariat will circulate a proposal of amended rules to the Executive Committee for adoption by qualified majority and shall be presented to all GA members for comments in next GA;

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# Sub-regional Working Groups

## Rapporteurs and « deputy » rapporteurs

- Rationale
    - No need for re-election if the current incumbents are happy!;
    - Deputy rapporteurs: Need to “fill the gap” in case of absence.
  - Aim
    - To improve the efficiency of the Working Groups and to reduce the workload of the Secretariat;
  - Current status
    - Positions for WG2, WG3 and WG4 have already been filled (Madrid Working Group meetings in March, 2010) and there is no need for renewal;
    - ONE POSITION IS STILL AVAILABLE IN WG1: Call of interest for volunteers to be elected at the next WG1 meeting (Spring, 2011).
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# Horizontal Working Groups

- The Executive Committee members adopted the following decisions at the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of September, 2009:
    - ❖ To set up an extra half-day meeting whenever required;
    - ❖ If not required, horizontal issues will be distributed among one or more of the existing, regional, area-based Working Groups.
  - A chairperson and rapporteur will be appointed for each meeting;
  - There is no need for amendment of NWWRAC rules: Both options are in accordance with Articles 14 and 15.
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# Secretariat (NWWRAC)

- The Irish Sea Fisheries Board (Board Iascaigh Mhara (BIM)) currently hosts the NWWRAC Secretariat office in Dublin, and provide all necessary resources and logistics for its functioning (e.g. equipment, HR, accounts, legal and financial advice...)
  - Procedure (in accordance with Art. 43):
    - ❖ Call of interest open to members and Member States
      - ❖ Call open for six months;
        - ❖ from 1<sup>st</sup> of December, 2010 to 31<sup>st</sup> of May, 2011.
    - ❖ Executive Committee to evaluate the applications received and adopt a formal decision on this subject;
    - ❖ Appointment (or renewal) of the Secretariat to be announced by the Executive Committee Chairperson to the General Assembly in 2011.
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