



## **North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council**

### **MINUTES**

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**BEC BILBAO, 18 April 2013**

**09:00 - 11:00**

**Chairman: Bertie Armstrong**

**Rapporteur: Alexandre Rodríguez**

#### **1. Welcome**

The Chairman of the NWWRAC, Bertie Armstrong, welcomed members, Commission representatives and observers to the meeting.

The full list of participants, and the organisations they represent, is detailed in Annex I.

The Chairman asked the attendees to introduce themselves and indicate their status along with their affiliation, as given the agenda, a quorum of members would be required for the purposes of decision making.

The Secretariat noted that the required quorum of Executive Committee members were present.

- Apologies: Apologies were received from Iwan Ball (WWF-UK), Victoria Beaz (EBCD), Kara Brydson (RSPB Birdlife) and Anne-Marie Kats (AIPCE-CEP).
- Adoption of the agenda: The agenda was adopted with a slight change proposed by the Chairman. This change would mean focusing the core of the discussions under items 5 and 6 of the agenda, and the item in relation to deep sea fisheries would be dealt with at item 2. The change was accepted.
- Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Paris, 31 January 2013):  
The minutes were considered to be a true record of the meeting and were formally adopted without comment or change.

## **2. Presentation of recommendations from the sub-regional Working Groups**

The Executive Committee was requested to endorse the following recommendations from the sub-regional Working Groups:

### **WG 1 – WEST OF SCOTLAND and WESTERN APPROACHES**

**Chair:** Jane Sandell  
**Acting Rapporteur:** Debbie Crockard

#### **MARINE PROTECTED AREAS IN SCOTLAND-UK**

- The NWWRAC will continue to engage actively in the Scottish MPA process. The NWWRAC will facilitate pre-consultation for those members with a particular presence, or interest in, the sites where JNCC proposes specific management options. If instructed by its members, the NWWRAC WG1 will prepare a response to the consultation on a site-by-site basis.
- The NWWRAC will develop a strategy to unofficially encourage coordination and communication between concerned member states on Marine Protected Areas.

#### **MANAGEMENT FOR DEEPSEA FISHERIES**

- The NWWRAC will support, and be formally involved with, the LDRAC and the SWWRAC in the organisation of an InterRAC workshop on Deep-sea Fisheries in Edinburgh on 15 and 16 May. The NWWRAC will also participate actively by providing attendees and speakers. The Executive Committee will need to take a decision on the presenters/speakers who will represent the RAC at this event.
- Relevant key industry members will communicate with the organisers (LDRAC and NWWRAC Secretariats) and provide the name/s of designated speaker/s who will give presentations on behalf of the industry. This must be done prior to the meeting in order for the information to be included in the final programme.
- The NWWRAC will submit a letter to the EC asking that a request be made to STECF for a review of the impact assessment in which the EC Proposal of Regulation is substantiated. A comprehensive study on the impact of different fishing gears (including longline fishery) in the deep-sea habitats will also be requested.

#### **REVIEW OF THE COD MANAGEMENT PLAN IN VIa**

- The NWWRAC will ask the responsible scientists from Marine Scotland (UK) and the Marine Institute (Ireland) to provide reference points of fishing mortality, and tackle the issues surrounding lack of data.
- The Secretariat will re-circulate CEFAS-NFFO York report on Fully Documented Fisheries; and will send a reminder asking to relevant members of the Cod focus group to report on fishing activities (i.e. geographical and VMS data) from each concerned national fleet operating in area VIa – France, Belgium, Ireland, UK and Spain. A tentative deadline of 2 weeks will be given.

#### TECHNICAL MEASURES

- Roy Griffin will confirm with his colleagues in DG MARE and will provide more information on the legal procedure to review EC Reg. 850/1998; as well as clarity on the review process to inform the implementation of a new technical measures framework regulation post CFP reform and its links with landings' obligation requirements. Any possible incompatibility with the current TCM in force will be dealt with and resolved by the Omnibus Regulation. The Omnibus regulation will introduce changes into the existing catch composition rules to remove the obligation to discard to meet set percentages of catches.
- The NWWRAC will follow closely the developments with the aim to prepare a response to a future consultation document from the Commission.

#### DATA DEFICIENCIES

- The NWWRAC Secretariat will put a procedure in place that secures the participation of NWWRAC delegates in future, relevant benchmark workshops.
- The NWWRAC designated data coordinators should progress with work between Working Group meetings.
- The NWWRAC Secretariat was asked to provide a structured mechanism to reduce repetition and cross-over between working groups and focus groups.
- Barrie Deas will write a formal note to the ICES Chairman JJ Maguire on behalf of the NWWRAC, to communicate that necessary steps have been taken to avoid any future absence of NWWRAC delegates at relevant ICES benchmark workshops (such as WKROUND). The Executive Committee will have the ultimate decision on the selection of representatives for each of these meetings.

#### WG 2 – WEST OF IRELAND AND CELTIC SEA

**Acting Chair:** André Gueguen  
**Rapporteur:** Paul Trebilcock

#### DEEPWATER GILLNETS

- Juan Carlos Corrás will submit a written proposal requesting an increase to 800 meters depth limit for fishing for hake and monkfish gillnets fishery. The proposal will explain the rationale of this request and will establish a link with current discussions on review of access regime and management measures for deepwater fisheries.

#### NEPHROPS MANAGEMENT IN PORCUPINE (FU16)

- The Secretariat will disseminate official ICES reports and outcomes of WKNEP and STECF advice on review of closure and “of which” sub-TAC, once they are published and prior authorization is received from ICES.
- Once STECF advice is available, work at WG2 will resume with the aim of formulating proposals on management measures for 2013-14.

- Await response from the Commission on the request to ICES to consider changing the timing of advice for Nephrops VII from June to September each year.

#### HAKE, ANGLERFISH AND MEGRIM

- The NWWRAC Focus Group will be entrusted with advancing the work on improving knowledge of, and mitigating, data deficiencies for these stocks.

#### CELTIC SEA

- The NWWRAC Focus Group will work to update the framework and objectives of a MAMP for Area VII<sub>fg</sub>. It will also develop a number of implementing measures to make this plan operational.

#### DATA LIMITED STOCKS

- The NWWRAC will continue with the work carried out to date, and make sure the data coordinators provide regular feedback at WG meetings, both orally and written, and contribute where possible. The Secretariat will send a reminder and will produce a summary table setting out the current situation as well as future work to be carried out.

#### ACTIONS PENDING COMPLETION FROM PREVIOUS WG2 MEETING IN JANUARY

#### FISHING OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2013

- Paul Trebilcock and Sean O'Donoghue will draft a letter requesting an in-year review of the TAC for VII<sub>fg</sub> Haddock. This letter will be put forward to the Ex.Com. for adoption by fast track procedure (i.e. 1 week) and, if agreed, will subsequently be sent to the European Commission within the briefest delay.
- The NWWRAC will request that this letter be passed to ICES prior to the beginning of the ICES WG on Celtic Sea Ecosystem (WGCSE), to be held in May 2013.

#### GEAR MARKING RULES

- The NWWRAC will write to the Commission requesting a reconsideration of the Commission's interpretation of the governing rules on gear marking, as indicated in the response to several letters submitted by the NWWRAC on this topic. The letter will include specific comments on the practical reality of how these regulations affect the fishing activities and operations concerned, from the experience of the Spanish and French gillnetters.

#### TECHNICAL MEASURES – MESH SIZE AND NET COMPOSITION

- Hugo González, Jesús Lourido and Juan Carlos Corrás will jointly prepare a letter questioning the Commission's interpretation of relevant provisions contained in EC Regulations 494/2002 (in relation to net composition and the percentage of catches of hake retained on board) and 517/2008 (mesh size measurements). The letter will illustrate, and provide examples of, the practical difficulties encountered in the implementation of the regulations.

### WG 3 – CHANNEL

**Chair:** Daniel Lefèvre

**Rapporteur:** Jim Portus

#### EASTERN CHANNEL COD

- The NWWRAC will closely follow any future developments of the Cod management plan; and will track amendments and any further interpretation (improving the implementation) of the Cod management plan Regulation in force.
- The NWWRAC will send a note and/or recommendation to the Commission, emphasising that, although biologically linked to the North Sea, it is advocated that a separate mixed fisheries management framework should be developed for VIId (including TCM) for management purposes.

#### ACRUNET PROJECT – BROWN CRAB MANAGEMENT

- The NWWRAC has already supported the work made by this project and will maintain lines of communication with ACRUNET project coordinators via the Secretariat and the Working Groups to ensure periodic feedback.
- The NWWRAC may send a letter to DG MARE re-emphasising the support, and highlighting the importance, of this Interreg Project, if so requested by the project coordinators.

#### SEA BASS

- The Commission will inform the NWWRAC on the outcomes of an experts' meeting (composed of MS representatives and scientists) that is due to take place in May 2013. The NWWRAC will address, as a priority, any consultation or questions that come from the Commission and/or Member States on this subject matter.

#### SCALLOPS MANAGEMENT IN THE CHANNEL

- The fishing industry representatives of UK and France will inform the WG3 members, via the Secretariat, on the outcomes of the trilateral UK-IE-FR meeting on 13 and 14 May in Portsmouth. This meeting aims to look for a shared approach to scallops management in the Channel – i.e. negotiations or “gentlemen’s agreement” between professionals on transfer of kilowatts days in exchange for seasonal closed areas.
- A proposal tabled by the UK scallops industry will be circulated to the WG3 members by the NWWRAC Secretariat.

#### MARINE CONSERVATION ZONES IN UK WATERS

- CRPMEM-Basse Normandie, another French organisation or the NWWRAC will submit a request to JNCC to exclude two islands (*Aurelie* and *Garnesse*) from its map of candidate sites. These islands have been placed in the Anglo-Norman Channel on the map; however, they belong to French waters and are therefore beyond UK's national jurisdiction.

## **WG 4 – IRISH SEA**

**Chair: Alan McCulla**

**Rapporteur: John Crudden**

### **COD AND SOLE MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR IRISH SEA**

- The NWWRAC will ask to the Commission for the state of play of their request to ICES an audit on cod and sole stocks to assessment and uncertainties.
- The Irish (Marine Institute) and Northern Irish (AFBI) scientific institutes will assist the NWWRAC in developing a joint proposal for Sole VIIa and Cod VIIa. A position paper should be delivered and presented to the Commission by Summer 2013.

### **BELGIAN FISHERIES-SCIENCE PROJECT ON SOLE VIIa**

- The WG4 will provide brief comments and feedback to the project proposal, to be submitted by ILVO to the Commission to increase funding/quotas to develop this work.
- The NWWRAC will provide additional information on Sole VIIa that is available in Ireland and UK in time for the consideration of the ICES WG in May 2013.

### **IRISH SEA FOCUS GROUP TO DEVELOP A MAMP**

- A Focus Group meeting will be held in Dublin to adopt a long-term strategy for an IS mixed demersal fisheries. The meeting will be hosted by BIM and will take place in late May/mid June 2013. The meeting date should be set at a convenient time, in order to secure the participation of key scientists, 3 national administrations (UK, IE and BE) and members, who would look jointly at the integrated management of 3 fisheries: BE sole, UK cod, and IE nephrops.
- Alan McCulla and Sean O'Donoghue will carry out preparatory work, and will draft the terms of reference, setting the objectives of the meeting as well as the agenda items.

### **VOLUNTARY CLOSURES FOR SKATES AND RAYS IN THE IRISH SEA**

- Eibhlín O'Sullivan and Alan McCulla will draft a short letter expressing that the NWWRAC would like to see, as soon as possible, an EC request for advice to STECF including an evaluation of the effectiveness of the voluntary closure proposed by the NWWRAC in December 2012. A more general question will be made in relation to the efficiency of closures for the recovery of the skates and rays stocks as an alternative or complementary tool to stocks management by TACs.

### **Comments from the Executive Committee on the actions:**

- Deepsea Workshop: The Executive Committee members appointed Bertie Armstrong as presenter of the InterRAC discussion paper on deepsea fisheries; and Alexandre Rodríguez from the Secretariat to act as rapporteur for one of the sessions/panels.
- Data limited stocks: Sean O'Donoghue requested that a NWWRAC representative/s would be appointed to monitor work and participate at ICES Advisory Drafting Groups (ADG) that are relevant for demersal stocks in areas VI and VII.  
It was agreed by the members that a clear methodology and procedure was needed to coordinate participation of NWWRAC delegates to both BWK and ADG. The decision of who would attend, will lie with the Executive Committee or, where and urgent decision needs to be taken, the Chairman.

A permanent group could be established, consisting of a small pool of people (4-5 persons) enthusiastic and willing to attend these meetings, and with extensive knowledge on the scientific and technical issues at stake.

**DECISION: The Executive Committee of the North Western Waters RAC unanimously adopted the recommendations of the four Working Groups.**

### **3. Chairman's report on NWWRAC representation during 1st quarter of 2013**

#### **3.1. Inter-RAC Chairs and Vice-Chairs' meeting (Brussels, 28 February 2013)**

It was agreed in a previous Executive Committee that the NWWRAC Chairs and/or Vice-Chairs would participate at these meetings but would not be given a mandate to take any decisions on behalf of the NWWRAC. The role of the NWWRAC Chair would be limited to exchanging views with other Chairs, and relating existing and agreed NWWRAC positions regarding policy issues. The Chair pointed out that these meetings will continue to be informal and will only occur when convenient and cost effective for the persons involved e.g. to prepare a coordination meeting between the RACs and the Commission in Brussels with topics such as role, functioning, composition and funding of the RACs.

The report of the meeting is available for consultation on the NWWRAC website<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> [www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/Report\\_InterRAC\\_Chair\\_Mtg\\_Brussels\\_280213.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/Report_InterRAC_Chair_Mtg_Brussels_280213.pdf)



### 3.2. Coordination Meeting between DG MARE and RACs (Brussels, 1 March 2013)

The NWWRAC attended this ordinary coordination meeting with a delegation composed of three designated representatives (Bertie Armstrong, Jacques Pichon and Barrie Deas) plus two members of the Secretariat (Conor Nolan and Alexandre Rodríguez).

The meeting was chaired by Lowri Evans and Ernesto Penas and was structured in two main agenda points, and divided into two sessions (morning and afternoon): 1. Involvement of the RACs in the preparation of technical conservation measures (within the landings obligation and regionalisation); and 2. The future role, composition and functioning of future Advisory Councils within the CFP reform.

A summary report of the presentations given by the Commission and discussions held with the RACs can be found in the NWWRAC website<sup>2</sup>.

### 3.3. NWWRAC communication with Member States and European Parliament on CFP reform – future role of the Advisory Councils and regionalisation

The Chairman and the Secretariat informed members that, at the coordination meeting between DG Mare and the RACs, the DG Evans advised the RACs to promptly make contact with Member States and the European Parliament in order to inform ongoing “trilogue” discussions in relation to the CFP reform process, particularly concerning regionalisation of decision-making and the future role of the RACs.

In reaction to this, on 15 March the NWWRAC submitted a letter addressed to the representatives of its six Member States (France, Spain, UK, Ireland, Belgium and The Netherlands), and the members of the EP Fisheries Committee, reminding them of the latest advices (opinions) issued during the last quarter of 2012. The letter also contained an offer from the NWWRAC to present its views in Council/Parliament meetings to be held during the Irish Presidency of the EU (end of term: 30 June 2013).

A copy of this letter is available for consultation on the NWWRAC website<sup>3</sup>

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[www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/MINUTES\\_Coordination\\_Mtg\\_DG\\_MARE\\_RACs\\_1March2013\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/MINUTES_Coordination_Mtg_DG_MARE_RACs_1March2013_EN.pdf)

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[www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/NWWRAC\\_Letter\\_MS\\_EP\\_PECH\\_CFP\\_Reform\\_Role\\_ACs\\_Regionalisation\\_15March2013\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/NWWRAC_Letter_MS_EP_PECH_CFP_Reform_Role_ACs_Regionalisation_15March2013_EN.pdf)





### 3.4. InterRAC Secretariats' administrative and financial matters

The NWWRAC Secretariat acted as lead coordinator of a joint-RAC letter on the functioning of the Regional Advisory Councils within the current Common Fisheries Policy.

The letter is the outcome of discussions held amongst the 7 RAC Secretariats over a period of 6 months, and addresses pending queries (such as: multi-annual work planning, collaboration with scientists, participation in EU projects, amongst others) that were pointed out in previous correspondence with the Commission in 2012. The letter includes examples of “good practices” of initiatives taken by several RACs as well as a number of recommendations to improve the functioning and effectiveness of the RACs in the short term.

The referred letter was thoroughly discussed and, after several versions, a common wording was agreed by the 7 RAC Secretariats and endorsed by its respective Chairs. It was sent to the DG MARE services, dated 15 April 2013.

The letter can be found in the publications section of the NWWRAC website<sup>4</sup>.

### 3.5. Decision of withdrawal from WWF UK

The Chairman relayed a message received by the Secretariat, from Iwan Ball, in relation to a decision taken by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) UK to withdraw from a number of fisheries' organisations, including the North Sea and the North Western Waters RACs. This withdrawal is a result of a major re-structuring within WWF due to budgetary and staff cuts in the area of EU fisheries management. Dr. Ball informed the Secretariat that WWF is currently discussing options with their European network in seeking to continue its representation at both RACs. The outcome is still uncertain.

It was noted by the Secretariat that WWF UK will send an official explanatory letter, addressed to the NWWRAC members, explaining their reasons for withdrawal from the NWWRAC, once a decision has been officially taken. In the meantime, WWF UK will remain a member of the NWWRAC until the end of the current financial year, i.e. 30 September 2013.

### 3.6. Joint RAC Workshop on Deep-sea Fisheries (Edinburgh, 15-16 May 2013)

Following agreement in relation to NWWRAC's involvement as co-organiser with the Long Distance and South Western Waters RAC, and the participation of the NWWRAC members at the Deepsea Workshop in Edinburgh (15-16 May) -see item 2 above-, some members made the following comments:

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<sup>4</sup> [www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/InterRAC\\_Letter\\_Functioning\\_RACs\\_15April2013\\_FINAL.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/InterRAC_Letter_Functioning_RACs_15April2013_FINAL.pdf)

Barrie Deas stated that the role of the RACs is to provide advice to the Commission and Member States. We need to review the output, adopt quality controls aimed to improve the advice as this will be very important for the RACs reputation and credibility in acquiring enhanced responsibilities under a reformed CFP. Mr. Deas suggested that, funding permitting, the NWWRAC might look at the possibility of contracting a consultant or external reviewer to run a comprehensive study of the way in which the RAC working groups (“work house”) operate, as well as the procedure to produce advice (quality of advice).

Bertie Armstrong and Víctor Badiola mentioned a recent study commissioned by the SWWRAC on the review of its own functioning. This study was carried out by Pascale Baelde in 2011, and a presentation was made at the NWWRAC Executive Committee meeting in February 2012<sup>5</sup>. Both Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Badiola agreed that it would be a good idea to look for synergies, and identify where the “bottlenecks” occur, in order to improve collaborative work at the NWWRAC Working Groups.

#### **4. Update on the Commission’s work programme and consultations; and**

#### **5. Exchange of views on NWWRAC work priorities for the 2nd quarter of 2013**

The DG MARE representative, Laurent Markovic, highlighted three priority areas of work for the Commission in terms of both legislative and non-legislative proposals, planned for the remainder of 2013 that might be of interest for the NWWRAC:

- EC Communication on Action Plan for an Atlantic Strategy – maritime spatial planning.
- Communication on Fishing Opportunities – “Policy Statement”.
- A so-called “Omnibus Regulation” to modify all provisions and remove all obstacles for an effective implementation of the landing obligation.

Several members made comments on the following areas:

- Technical measures and discards plans by fisheries: The implementation of the landing obligation will not be applied to NWWRAC demersal stocks until at least 1/1/2016. There is therefore, time to work on a regional plan.
- Management plan for Celtic Sea Stocks: The NWWRAC needs to make further progress on this area in 2013, but also needs to be able to look at short term actions such as requesting an increase on the current TAC for Haddock in the Celtic Sea in order to reduce discards.
- MAMP for Cod Mixed Demersal Fisheries in VIa: A management plan will be of no value until the issues with assessment and discards are resolved by the scientists.

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<sup>5</sup> [http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/PA\\_RAC\\_Consultation\\_Feb%202012\\_PB\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/PA_RAC_Consultation_Feb%202012_PB_EN.pdf)

- Data deficiencies: Data preparation and benchmarking process is essential to improve the knowledge on data limited stocks and achieve full analytical assessment.
- Maritime Spatial Planning: The Commission's Action Plan on MSP establishes a division of marine areas in closed "compartments" which, in the opinion of several fishing industry members, was simplistic in its conception given the interactions between marine users and activities.

## 6. CFP Reform process: role, functioning and funding of the future Advisory Councils

- State of play of trilogue between European Parliament, Council and Commission

The Chairman and the Secretariat recalled that, following a recommendation made by DG Evans at a recent coordination meeting with the RACs, a letter had been issued in April 2013 to Member States representatives and members of the EP Fisheries Committee, offering collaboration regarding informing discussions on the role of the Advisory Councils in relation to regionalisation and management plans.

The DG MARE representative stated that this was an ongoing process and he was unable to provide any additional information since a formal position has not yet been agreed.

- Commission's questionnaire to the NWWRAC – Action plan:

The DG MARE submitted a questionnaire to each of the RACs to promote debate on their internal functioning, and encourage them to deal with some specific topics. This document was uploaded prior to the meeting and remains available for consultation on the NWWRAC website<sup>6</sup>.

The members of the Executive Committee felt strongly that the questions posed by the Commission in its questionnaire were poorly conceived, and showed a lack of understanding of the NWWRAC functioning which is worrying, and needs to be properly addressed.

**ACTION: A steering committee of the North Western Waters RAC composed of its Chair, the Vice Chair/s, and the Secretariat team will hold a videoconference with DG MARE officials to clearly show their objection to the content of the questionnaire and discuss ways to improve communication between the NWWRAC and the Commission.**

<sup>6</sup> Direct link to questionnaire submitted by DG MARE to the NWWRAC in March 2013:  
[www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/DG\\_MARE\\_Questionnaire\\_Action\\_Plan\\_NWWRAC\\_27March2013\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/DG_MARE_Questionnaire_Action_Plan_NWWRAC_27March2013_EN.pdf)

***A POSTERIORI NOTE: It was highlighted after the meeting that the questions were intended to encourage the RAC to consider its own internal control processes, to allow RACs to give a well-informed opinion on the functioning of their own organisation and that the RACs were free to answer the questionnaires or not or modify them as they see fit. The RAC objection to the questionnaire was noted.***

- How to foster participation at the NWWRAC of eNGOs and other interest groups (1/3)?

The Chairman invited the members to reflect on how to ensure proper participation from NGOs and other interest groups in the NWWRAC. The reality is that, despite expressions of interest from several potential NGOs to join the NWWRAC, there is still only a small number of NGOs that are active members. Financial assistance will be sought from the Commission to help encourage small NGOs with funding and staff issues to join the NWWRAC, taking into account that DG Evans acknowledged that EMFF might serve to fund membership fees for such small organisations.

Some fishing industry members felt it was regrettable that, in recent years, many NGOs have been disengaging from the NWWRAC and fora where the industry is represented, not only at European but also at national level.

It was agreed that the Secretariat, with some NGO representatives, would work together in developing a proactive approach and a “PR strategy” to make the work of the RACs somewhat more appealing to the NGOs.

**ACTION:**

The Secretariat, Debbie Crockard (MCS-UK/SAR) and Kara Brydson (RSPB-Scotland) will put together a list of possible NGOs and establish the Terms of Reference with the view of setting up a steering committee entrusted with tasks such as producing letters or info packages specifically tailored to the NGOs to better engage in collaborative work between fishermen and NGOs.

- Proposed way forward

**ACTION:** It was agreed that, based on the outcomes of the Irish Presidency, a study group of the NWWRAC, composed by 5-6 members, and the Secretariat, will produce a scoping document on this topic containing elements for discussion (including funding and administration issues) at the NWWRAC forthcoming meetings in July 2013. This scoping document will display an overall approach, as well as a tentative work plan and deliverables, with the aim of submitting an advice before the end of 2013.



## **7. Close of the meeting**

The Chairman, Bertie Armstrong, thanked all participants for their attendance, the Basque Government and BEC for hosting the NWWRAC meetings, and the team of interpreters for their excellent work.

**The Chairman closed the meeting at 11:00**

## ANNEX I

### LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS		
FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	ORGANISATION
Bertie	Armstrong	<b>NWWRAC Chairman</b>
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Luc	Corbisier	Stichting voor Duurzame Visserij Ontwikkeling
Debbie	Crockard	Seas at Risk
John	Crudden	European Anglers' Alliance – <b>WG4 Rapporteur</b>
Bruno	Dachicourt	France Pêche Durable et Responsable
Barrie	Deas	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisation
Marc	Ghiglia	GA Chair / Honorary President of the NWWRAC
Hugo	González	ANASOL-ARVI
André	Gueguen	Comité National de Pêches Maritimes
Eduardo	Míguez	European Association of Ports and Auctions
Sean	O'Donoghue	Kyllibegs Fishermen's Organisation
Eibhlin	O'Sullivan	Irish South & West Fish PO
Jacques	Pichon	Association Nationale Organisations Producteurs
John	Woodlock	Irish Seal Sanctuary

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Robert	Griffin	DG MARE – European Commission
Daniel	Lefèvre	CRPMEM Basse Normandie – <b>WG3 Chair</b>
Colm	Lordan	Marine Institute – GEPETO Coordinator
John	Lynch	Irish Fishermen’s Organisation
Laurent	Markovic	DG MARE – European Commission
Alan	McCulla	ANIFPO – <b>WG4 Chair</b>
Rémi	Méjécaze	DPMEM – Administration Française
Francis	O’Donnell	Irish Fish Producers’ Organisation
Norah	Parke	KFO
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Jane	Sandell	Scottish Fishermen’s Organisation – <b>WG1 Chair</b>
Paul	Trebilcock	Cornish Fish PO – <b>WG2 Rapporteur</b>
Hilde	Vanhaecke	ILVO

SECRETARIAT		
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