



MINUTES

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Main Conference Hall – Dublin Castle

Thursday 7 July 2011

09:00 - 12:30

Chairman: Sam Lambourn

Rapporteur: Alexandre Rodríguez

1. Welcome

The Chairman of the NWWRAC, Mr Sam Lambourn began by thanking the Irish Government and Dublin Castle for hosting the NWWRAC round of meetings. He then welcomed all attendees to the meeting and invited all members and observers around the table to give a brief introduction of themselves. The list of participants, and the organisations they represent, is detailed in Annex I.

Apologies: Apologies were noted from Mr Víctor Badiola (OPPAO-CEPESCA) and Mr Iwan Ball (WWF).

Agenda: The Chairman proposed to deal with actions at the end of each item rather than waiting until the end of the session to recapitulate. This proposal was accepted by all members.

Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Bilbao, 14 April 2011):

No comments were made and the report was formally adopted.

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2. Review of Commission's Responses to NWWRAC Advice and Correspondence

The Chairman expressed concerns on the vague remarks contained in DG MARE responses in relation to items of great relevance for the RAC (such as the discards policy and the role and functioning of the RACs in a reformed CFP). The members agreed that responses from the Commission should provide detailed explanations and address all the issues contained in the NWWRAC advice.

3. Update from DG MARE on the Commission's work programme and consultations

María Fuensanta Candela, Head of Unit J2 of DG MARE, informed members of the Commission's work priorities for the second half of 2011 and detailed a number of consultations (see below) where NWWRAC input would be expected. Ms. Candela emphasised that there have been no major changes to the Commission work programme since the last update provided to the NWWRAC at the Executive Committee meeting, held on the 14th of April 2011, in Bilbao.

3.1 CFP Reform

The CFP reform process constitutes the main priority of the year and will be the cornerstone of future DG MARE proposals to be subsequently discussed at the Council and European Parliament. The first CFP reform package will be launched on the 13th of July 2011 and will contain:

- an overarching Communication;
- a new basic regulation; a new Common Market Regulation;
- a Communication on the external dimension of the CFP;
- a report on access to EU waters.

3.2 Communication on Fishing Opportunities in EU waters for 2012 [COM(2011)298 final]

The Commission presented its Communication and informed the meeting that it had launched a public consultation on the 25th of May 2011¹.

¹ DG MARE site: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/partners/consultations/fishing_opportunities/index_en.htm

The RACs were expressly invited to submit an opinion to the Commission by the deadline of the 20th July 2011. In relation to timing, the Commission informed members that two proposals will be released in the following sequence:

- EU-only stocks will be included in the Commission's proposal in September. The aim of the Commission is to have fishing opportunities for these stocks adopted at the November Council meeting;
- Fishing opportunities for international and shared stocks with third countries (such as Norway, Russia or Faroe Islands) will be included in the Commission's proposal in November, for discussion at the December Council meeting.

3.3 Long term management plans (LTMPs)

- *Cod*

The Commission took note of the NWWRAC involvement and participation with the ICES/STECF review process of the cod recovery plan for: the West of Scotland (VIa), the Irish Sea (VIIa) and the Eastern Channel (VIId). A public event (i.e. a workshop or conference) will be organised after the summer, to present the findings of STECF and to engage in further discussions with scientists, policy makers and stakeholders.

- *Hake*

The Commission informed the meeting that it has initiated an Impact Assessment on a future LTMP for southern hake. A formal proposal, from the Commission is scheduled for the beginning of 2012. In relation to northern hake, the Commission will look at the present ICES advice and reflect on a way forward.

- *Western Channel Sole*

Members were informed that a review of the LTMP for Sole in the Western Channel and the Bay of Biscay is on its way. The NWWRAC was encouraged to provide advice within the framework of the public consultation that was launched in May 2011².

² Sole 7e: http://ec.europa.eu/fisheries/partners/consultations/sole/contributions/index_en.htm

3.4 Technical Conservation Measures (TCMs)

The Commission will launch a new TCM proposal after the CFP reform process has been completed. Transitional TCMs amending Council Regulation (EC) No 850/98 were established under Council Regulation (EC) No 1288/2009 for the period 1/1/2010 to 30/6/2011. These measures have now been further extended until 1/1/2013 through Council Regulation (EU) no 579/2011.

The Chairman thanked Ms. Candela for her presentation and opened the floor for discussion.

Open discussion

Sean O'Donoghue expressed the view that the Commission's intentions were very unclear with regard to LTMPs, and asked for clarification on the legal process as well as the expected timescale (i.e. decisions on TACs are divided between the November and December Councils).

Mr. O'Donoghue also asked when the EC proposal of Regulation on fishing opportunities for 2012 will be released and asked the Commission to provide the RACs with sufficient information when presenting considerations on its annual Seminar with RACs and ACFA, and avoid repeating what happened in the Workshop held in 2010.

Barrie Deas briefed the NWWRAC on ongoing work with ICES in relation to data deficient stocks. He did not understand Commission thinking on the dogmatic approach of an automatic 25% reduction in TAC for data deficient stocks, as this might only lead to more discards. Furthermore, this seemed to be an unrealistic proposal as many Member States had already expressed, at Council level, that they will not accept an automatic reduction in TAC.

Mr. Deas expressed concern that the Commission does not have an alternative solution and he asked the Commission to move away from the dogmatic route and engage in sensible dialogue between the parties in order to agree on an alternative approach in setting fishing opportunities for data deficient stocks.

Hugo González asked if there was a new LTMP for Northern Hake. In this regard, Mr González noted that Commission representatives had stated at previous meetings, that fishing opportunities for those stocks under recovery plans could have a maximum variation (either increase or decrease) of 15% when setting the TAC. It was advocated that any new approach should be consistent with this statement.

Bertie Armstrong brought attention to the fact that scientific perception of stocks has changed over time and that the Commission's proposal of an automatic 25% reduction in TAC for data deficient stocks will have huge socio-economic implications for European fishermen. Mr Armstrong advocated the adoption of a more sensible approach through the development of a sophisticated dialogue with stakeholders, raising awareness and pointing out the scientific challenges in stocks assessment.

Kara Brydson informed the Commission that the NWWRAC is committed to MSY objectives and the precautionary approach. The NWWRAC does not automatically reject a 25% reduction in TAC for data deficient stocks, but would only accept it where appropriate, and would be against a potential increase in discards.

Brendan Price agreed with the opinion stated by Kara Brydson and asked the Commission if they had considered making an assessment of how the EU funding, allocated for fisheries science, had been used by Member States in recent years. Mr Price also asked the Commission if there were any mitigation measures (i.e. subsidies) in place for those fishermen affected by the impact of this new measure (i.e. lower fishing opportunities as a result of a 25% reduction in TAC for data deficient stocks).

The Commission representatives in the room replied to the majority of these questions as follows:

Regarding fishing opportunities, Ms. Candela stated that timescale and process have not changed in relation to consultation with stakeholders, and that this will not affect the RAC's ability to provide feedback. The division of decisions on fishing opportunities between EU-only stocks and stocks which were international or shared was made for the sake of simplification. The Commission will table its proposal of Regulation on Fishing Opportunities by the end of September 2011.

Regarding LTMPs, the Commission informed the meeting of the institutional deadlock in the decision-making process. This was due to the existence of a conflict in the interpretation of competencies when exercising co-decision powers, between the European Parliament and the Council. The Commission is working as a mediator between the two parties with the aim of achieving a compromise between both institutions and finding a formula that satisfies everyone. The Commission highlighted the fact that this issue might take some time to resolve.

Ms. Candela stressed that it was important that the Commission, Council and European Parliament work together and clarify their roles in the context of the new CFP, in order to find an efficient and appropriate means of managing fish stocks.

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Ms Candela noted that there were already examples of good work between ICES and the RACs in relation to Celtic Sea herring and Vla Haddock and that the NWWRAC could lead the way in the development of a management plan for mixed demersal fisheries in the Celtic Sea.

Bernhard Friess (COM; Director, Directorate C, Atlantic, Outermost Regions and Arctic) acknowledged the work of the NWWRAC in relation to data deficiencies and took note of the terms of reference and report from the meeting held with NSRAC and ICES. Mr Friess agreed that data deficiencies were a fundamental and complex issue that needed to be carefully addressed, given that previous efforts to solve this problem had proved to be ineffective. He welcomed feedback and assistance from stakeholders on the issue and provided an assurance that advice submitted by the NWWRAC would be considered carefully.

Regarding Northern Hake, Ms. Candela explained that the process involved in setting the TAC would begin by assessing the current recovery plan which is no longer of scientific relevance. This would be followed by an impact assessment on the introduction of a new management plan. The Commission had received an estimate of F_{MSY} from ICES and is currently waiting for ICES to provide definite reference points (e.g. B_{lim} , F_{pa}) for this stock.

The Commission indicated that another option would be to adopt a qualitative approach that is not based on analytical advice, as is the case for anchovy. The meeting was informed, however, that the Commission cannot continue with the situation of the last 3 to 5 years, where a roll-over of the TAC was made as a result of uncertainty in the estimates for this stock and other stocks.

Ms Candela affirmed that such practice was incompatible with the precautionary approach and clarified that a 25% reduction in TAC did not necessarily mean a 25% reduction in the catches of many stocks (cf. "paper fish"). Ms. Candela encouraged the NWWRAC to assist the Commission in the development of an appropriate methodology for determining the TAC for these types of stocks.

Regarding funding for science, Mr. Friess stressed that the Commission would like to see an accrual and good use of funds and resources from Member States in relation to data collection rather than diverting public money from taxpayers to other priorities.

Mr Friess informed the meeting that the only mitigation measures available for those fishermen affected by the impact of TAC reduction are the temporary cessation grants.

4. Report on work progress made by the North Western Waters RAC

4.1. Data poor stocks

Barrie Deas detailed the progress made at working group level, following two coordination meetings, which had been held between the NWWRAC and ICES in Copenhagen, to set up regional task forces to address data deficient stocks in north western waters. The main outcome of the Copenhagen meetings was to establish regional task forces and identify where data gaps and technical problems in the assessment lay, for each of the stocks of interest. A complete meeting report is available on the NWWRAC website³. The Working Groups have been formed and the first action will be the appointment of NWWRAC data coordinators to liaise with ICES and Member States for each of the priority stocks identified.

Action: A short paper will be produced by Barrie Deas and the Secretariat defining the tasks and providing the names and contact details of each of the RAC data coordinators.

Barrie Deas described data deficiency as a complex problem that requires careful study and a subtle approach when looking at the reasons why ICES cannot provide advice (e.g. lack of historical data, inadequate assessment models, etc.). Mr. Deas asked the Commission to move away from the dogmatic route and engage in sensible dialogue between the parties for agreeing an alternative approach to set fishing opportunities for data deficient stocks.

Actions: The NWWRAC to:

1. Submit a general response to the EC consultation paper on Fishing Opportunities before the deadline of 20th July 2011;
2. Develop a letter containing an alternative proposal to the blanket approach of 25% reduction for data deficient stocks. This letter will list a number of core principles that should underpin the setting of fishing opportunities for data deficient stocks.

³ WKDDRAC2: http://www.nwwrac.org/Meetings/Meetings_ENG/Navigation.php?id=524&language=English

4.2. Long term management plans

4.2.1. Evaluation of existing Cod Recovery Plan in Areas VI and VII

The Chairman congratulated all those members of the Steering Group and Focus Group that were involved in the drafting of the position paper to inform the discussions at STECF.

Sean O'Donoghue (Focus Group Chair and co-author of the paper) and Lorcan O'Cinnéide provided an overview of the work accomplished by the Steering Group in May and subsequently by the Focus Group in June and highlighted a number of specific issues contained in the position paper⁴, namely:

- The one-size-fits-all approach does not fit here;
- The structure of the paper covers both general remarks and options for management by sub-regional areas (i.e. the West of Scotland, the Irish Sea and the Eastern Channel). The paper also contains an annex containing a questionnaire to fishermen concerning the effectiveness of implementation of the plan;
- The paper was thoroughly discussed and views were exchanged with scientists.

Action: A second focus group meeting will be held later in the year to assess the STECF advice and Commission's future proposals on this subject.

4.2.2. Celtic Sea Demersal Fisheries

Jacques Pichon and Sean O'Donoghue informed members that a Focus Group meeting on this subject would take place following the Executive Committee meeting.

⁴ Document available on the NWWRAC publications site:

http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/NWWRAC_Position_Paper_Review_CRP_130611_EN.pdf



A presentation on the implementation of measures to develop biological objectives would be made by Colm Lordan (Marine Institute) during the Focus Group meeting and a proposal on technical measures from the Irish fishing industry would also be discussed. Particular concern was raised, however, on the lack of socio-economic data or studies available for this area.

The Commission's representatives underlined that DG MARE perceives this work to be very important and is looking forward to seeing what the NWWRAC will deliver. The Commission is willing and committed to support this work and to look at possibilities for additional funding and resources outside the operational budget of the NWWRAC, in order to help complete this work.

Action: Advance work at Focus Group level and seek additional funding for appropriate projects to inform the development of a MP for demersal stocks in the Celtic Sea.

4.3. Control and compliance: CFCA-RACs Seminar for western waters

The Secretariat (Alexandre Rodríguez) briefed members on the progress made concerning the decision to organise a seminar on control and compliance aspects in western waters that will involve stakeholders, scientists, Member States, CFCA and the European Commission. The Pelagic RAC and the South Western Waters RAC Secretariats have consulted their Executive Committees and confirmed their willingness to participate in the organisation of this seminar.

Regarding the objectives of this meeting, it is likely that a debate on the development of regional joint deployment plans will be of primary concern, as this is one of the mid-term objectives from the CFCA multiannual work programme 2011-2015. Members were reminded that the Secretariat had drafted a summary note on this issue, which was presented at the last Executive Committee held in Bilbao and is available on the NWWRAC website⁵.

⁵ Executive Committee Meeting (Bilbao, 14 April 2011):
http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/FINAL_Summary_Note_Preparatory_Mtg_CFCA_NWWRA_C_Control_Seminar_010311_EN.pdf

Sean O'Donoghue and Barrie Deas voiced their concern about the scope and definition of the objectives of this seminar. They advocated that further reflection is needed for the NWWRAC to identify what it wants to achieve (e.g. discussions on implementing rules of Control Regulation, definitions of profitability, overcapacity and management within the new CFP reform).

Alexandre Rodríguez reiterated that the NWWRAC were at a preliminary stage in the process and no decisions had been made on content. Members were also informed that the definition of objectives was open for discussion and could also be reviewed at a later stage, if necessary.

Conor Nolan added that there was an element of uncertainty concerning what the CFA wants to achieve and that the NWWRAC should be able to develop a set of objectives based on comments received from members.

Action: A steering group composed of Sean O'Donoghue, Barrie Deas, Jacques Pichon and Hugo González will work jointly with the Secretariat on drafting NWWRAC objectives for this conference.

5. Reports from geographical Working Groups; Actions for Executive discussion and endorsement

The Executive Committee were requested to endorse the following Working Group decisions:

Working Group 1 – West of Scotland and Western Approaches (Vb and VIa)

- Fishing Opportunities for 2012
 - That Bertie Armstrong prepares a NWWRAC response to the EU public consultation on fishing opportunities and the Commission's Communication on this subject, for submission by the deadline of 20th July 2011. The response will contain general remarks concerning the timing and process of consultation, the state of the resources, the working methods for proposing TACs, with particular mention of those stocks missing analytical scientific advice and discards policy;
 - That Barrie Deas produces a letter to DG Evans highlighting the work of the NWWRAC in relation to data deficient stocks. This letter will oppose the general and automatic 25% reduction in TACs for data deficient stocks. The letter will also propose alternative ways of looking at data deficient stocks when setting fishing opportunities.

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- Data deficiencies
 - That the data coordinators proposed by WG1 for data deficient stocks are formally appointed by the Executive Committee and that the submission of a letter to ICES informing them of this new initiative be endorsed.
- Cod Recovery Plan
 - That WG1 provides ongoing input to the review process initiated by the Commission through STECF.
- Vla Haddock
 - That a steering group be immediately convened to draft a letter requesting the Commission to take urgent action regarding the adoption of interim management measures in response to the spike in recruitment in 2009. Failure to take swift action will result in an increase in discards under current catch composition rules.
- Implementation of MPAs in UK waters
 - That at least the following designated NWWRAC representatives engage with DEFRA and Marine Scotland in a pilot project for implementing management measures in the Special Areas of Conservation (SACs) described below:
 - Stanton Bank: Bertie Armstrong and Kara Brydson;
 - Haig Frás: Paul Trebilcock and representative from South West of England.
- Blue ling management
 - That the NWWRAC approve the submission of a letter to the Commission requesting an assessment of the effectiveness of seasonal closures to protect spawning aggregations of blue ling in ICES sub-area VIa.



Working Group 2 – West of Ireland and Celtic Sea

- Data deficiencies
 - That the data coordinators proposed by WG2 for data deficient stocks are formally appointed by the Executive and that the submission of a letter to ICES informing them of this new initiative be endorsed.
- Northern Hake
 - That a Focus Group on Northern Hake be convened only if new scientific evidence and/or a Commission consultation paper are released.
- Celtic Sea
 - That work on the development of a LTMP for mixed demersal fisheries in VIIf and VIlg be progressed at Focus Group level;
 - That the NWWRAC approve the submission of a letter to the Commission requesting an in-year adjustment (increase) of TAC for Celtic Sea Cod, based on the latest ICES advice.

Working Group 3 – Channel (VIId and VIle)

- Cod Recovery Plan in Eastern Channel
 - That WG3 provide ongoing input to the review process initiated by the Commission.
- Review of the LTMP for Western Channel Sole
 - That a NWWRAC Opinion in response to the EU public consultation be sent to the Commission by the 8th July 2011.
- Rays and Sharks
 - That a Focus Group on Skates, Rays and Sharks be held in September 2011 to further discuss the proposal from the Irish Industry on a management plan for skates and rays in ICES VII and VII and work on the development of a NWWRAC position on this issue and of management measures for sharks (porbeagle and spurdog).

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Working Group 4 – Irish Sea (VIIa)

The NWWRAC Chairman thanked the WG4 Chair, Lorcan O’Cinnéide, for his generous contribution to the Irish Sea Working Group over the last 6 years and wished him the very best for the future.

- Rays and Sharks
 - Action proposed by WG3 also supported by WG4.
- Data Deficiencies
 - That WG4 drafts a paper based on current ICES advice dealing with problems affecting a number of stocks in the Irish Sea (e.g. cod, plaice, whiting, nephrops);
 - That the data coordinators proposed by WG4 for data deficient stocks are formally appointed by the Executive and that the submission of a letter to ICES informing them of this new initiative be endorsed.
- Cod Recovery Plan for Irish Sea
 - That WG4 provide ongoing input to the review process initiated by the Commission.
- Nephrops management for Area VII
 - That the Secretariat are instructed to ensure that the NWWRAC is informed of and represented at, all ICES Advisory Groups dealing with this stock and actively participates in any request coming from the Commission or scientists.

All actions submitted by the Working Group Chairmen to the Executive Committee, were endorsed and adopted by the Executive Committee members present.



6. Procedures for the election of NWWRAC positions

6.1. Explanation of the governing rules and procedures

Alexandre Rodríguez, on behalf of the Secretariat, provided an update on the procedures and the timeframe for the nomination and election of the following NWWRAC positions:

- President of the General Assembly;
- Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons of the Executive Committee;
- Executive Committee members;
- Sub-regional Working Group Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons;
- Secretariat.

Executive members were informed that the deadline for the nomination of candidates for all positions was the 31st of August 2011.

The presentation is available for consultation on the NWWRAC website⁶

The Secretariat requested the decision of the Executive Committee on the following:

1. The retention or abolition of NWWRAC Chairperson fees;
2. Approval for the alignment of the term of office for Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the Executive Committee with that of the Chairperson (i.e. 3 years);
3. Approval for the alignment of the term of office of Working Group officers with those of the main NWWRAC positions (i.e. 3 years).

Finally, the members were informed that the Secretariat had received a letter from the Board of Directors of its host organisation, Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM), indicating the willingness of BIM to host the NWWRAC Secretariat for a further period of 3 years.

The Chairman thanked the Secretariat (Mr. Rodríguez) for the presentation and opened the floor for discussion.

⁶ Executive Committee meeting – Dublin Castle, 7 July 2011:

http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/Update_Procedures_Election_NWWRAC_Positions_July2011_EN.pdf

6.2 Open discussion

- NWWRAC Chairperson

Despite much encouragement from many members present, the RAC Chairman (Sam Lambourn) reiterated his intention not to stand for re-election following two consecutive terms of office, which had spanned a period of 6 years. The Working Group Chairmen were unanimous in thanking the RAC Chairman for the excellent work he had carried out directing and achieving consensus within the NWWRAC on many issues, on their own behalf and that of all working group members.

On the subject of Chairperson fees, both Sean O'Donoghue and Lorcan O'Cinnéide expressed support for providing remuneration to the NWWRAC Chairperson as compensation and recognition of the hours invested in carrying out functions related to the position (e.g. liaison with the Secretariat, preparing for NWWRAC meetings, chairing Executive Committee meetings and representing the NWWRAC at third party meetings such as Commission or Member States).

Mr. O'Donoghue did not understand why a tender procedure for electing a Chairperson was necessary as it only served to add to the bureaucracy and pressure on the Secretariat as well as the members. Mr. O'Donoghue asked the Commission representatives present to consider the possibility of waiving the obligation to conduct a tender process, in this instance.

The opinions of Mr. O'Donoghue and Mr O'Cinnéide were supported by Jacques Pichon, Jacques Bigot, Daniel Lefèvre and Hugo González. Mr. González added that the level of fees for the Chairman may need to be considered in relation to available budget.

Hugo González asked that the balance of nationalities be duly considered when filling relevant posts. He proposed that the new Chairperson should be from the United Kingdom and suggested that Bertie Armstrong or Barrie Deas should apply on the basis of their experience within the NWWRAC.

Lorcan O'Cinnéide highlighted the fact that, regardless of nationality, the NWWRAC needs to make a well considered choice as there are indications that the RACs will have an enhanced role in the future CFP and that perhaps the role of the Chairman will also be increased. He encouraged informal bilateral discussions among members to propose a strong candidate for the position.

Having the requisite quorum, a vote was taken by a show of hands. The overall decision, adopted by majority, was that the new Chairperson should receive remuneration from the NWWRAC.



- Membership of the Executive Committee

Bruno Dachicourt reiterated the interest of the organisation he represents, France Pêche Durable et Responsable, to apply for an Executive Committee seat. He asked the Secretariat to explain the procedure involved.

- Secretariat

Sam Lambourn, Hugo González and Daniel Lefèvre thanked BIM for the highly professional service provided and stated that they were very satisfied with the location and functioning of the Secretariat. They supported the nomination of BIM to continue hosting the NWWRAC Secretariat for a further period of 3 years.

The Secretariat replied to the questions made by the members as follows:

- Chairperson Fees

The Secretariat advised the members that a strong message had been received in the past from Commission officials stating that, if the NWWRAC wanted Chairperson fees to be considered as eligible costs and part of the operational budget, there were only two options available, namely:

- 1) To hire the Chairman as a NWWRAC employee or
- 2) To launch a tender for a contract for services following Commission's procurement rules. This would ensure an objective election based on the principle of "best value for money".

Although the Secretariat is currently awaiting news from the Commission in relation to a more flexible approach, it is very unlikely that this will happen given that the procurement and financial rules have not changed since the last election process.

- Composition of the Executive Committee

The Secretariat clarified that France Pêche Durable et Responsable must indicate which category of membership they represent (i.e. fishing sector or other groups of interest) and provide supporting evidence and documentation of this status (e.g. statutes, composition, objectives).



- Election of NWWRAC officers

The Secretariat advised members that it will provide a progress report on the outcomes of the electoral procedure (i.e. Chairperson of the GA and Executive Committee, members of the Executive Committee and seat of the Secretariat) at the next Executive Committee meeting to be held in Madrid [on the 16th September 2011 – date confirmed post meeting].

Closing remarks

The Chairman thanked all participants, Dublin Castle staff, and the interpretation team before closing the meeting.

The meeting was closed at 12:35

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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First Name	Last Name	Organisation
Sam	Lambourn	Chairman - Skipper
Bertie	Armstrong	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
Jacques	Bigot	CTFC-ETF
Arianna	Broggiato	EBCD
Emiel	Brouckaert	Rederscentrale
Kara	Brydson	RSPB Scotland
John	Crudden	European Angler's Association
Barrie	Deas	NFFO
Hugo C.	González García	ARVI-ANASOL
André	Gueguen	CNPMEM
Eduardo	Míguez	EAPA
Sean	O'Donoghue	Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation
Eibhlin	O'Sullivan	Irish South & West FPO
Jacques	Pichon	ANOP
Brendan	Price	Irish Seal Sanctuary
OBSERVERS		
María Fuensanta	Candela	DG MARE - European Commission
Alan	Coghill	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
Bruno	Dachicourt	France Pêche Durable Responsable
John	Daly	Irish Seal Sanctuary
Paul	Francoise	FFSPM France
Bernhard	Friess	DG MARE – European Commission
Caroline	Gamblin	CNPMEM
David	Gatt	Scottish White Fish PA
Daniel	Lefèvre	CRPMEM Basse Normandie
Eduardo	Míguez	EAPA
Jan	Lindemann	DG MARE – European Commission
Eamon	Mangan	DPMEM – France
Lorcan	O'Cinnéide	Irish Fish PO
Jim	Portus	South West FPO
Pieter-Jan	Schon	AFBINI
Paul	Trebilcock	Cornish FPO
Caitlín	Uí Aodha	Irish South and East FPO
Hector	Villa González	MARM- Spain

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NWWRAC SECRETARIAT		
Conor	Nolan	Executive Secretary
Alexandre	Rodríguez	Executive Assistant, Policy Issues
Joanna	McGrath	Executive Assistant, Administration and Finances
Christine	O'Connor	(BIM) Clerical Assistant to Secretariat