



## **MINUTES**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)**

#### **NORTH WESTERN WATERS REGIONAL ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**The Coach House,**

**Dublin Castle, Dublin**

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> September, 2012**

**09.00 - 12.00**

Chairman: Marc Ghiglia

Directors: Bertie Armstrong, Conor Nolan

Rapporteurs: Alexandre Rodríguez and Joanna McGrath

#### **1. Welcome and introductions**

##### **1.1. Opening address by the Honorary President of the NWWRAC, Mr. Ghiglia**

Marc Ghiglia, Honorary President of the NWWRAC and Chairman of the General Assembly, welcomed all participants to the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting and General Assembly of the NWWRAC. A particular welcome was extended to the new AIPCE-CEP representative, Anne Marie Kats.

The complete list of participants is provided in Annex I.



## 1.2. Apologies

The following apologies were noted:

- Michael Keatinge (NWWWRAC Director);
- Jeremy Percy (NUTFA);
- Antón González (Wales and West Coast FPO);
- Debbie Crockard (MCSUK representing Seas at Risk);
- Barrie Deas (NFFO); NFFO in attendance through Anthony Delahunty.

## 1.3. Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes of the last Meeting

The agenda for the meeting was adopted without change or comment.

Similarly, the report of the 7<sup>th</sup> AGM/GA meeting, held in Dublin on the 27<sup>th</sup> of October 2011, was accepted as a true record of the meeting and was approved without comment.

The Chairman of the NWWWRAC gave the floor to the Chairman of the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the NWWWRAC (Bertie Armstrong) to continue the business of the meeting.

## 2. Annual report from the Chairperson of the NWWWRAC

The NWWWRAC and Executive Committee Chairman, presented the annual report for Year 7 (01 October 2011 – 30 September 2012) and the annual strategic plan (i.e. work programme) for Year 8 (01 October 2012 – 30 September 2013), in accordance with articles 19 and 38 of the NWWWRAC Rules of Procedure. The full content of the presentation from the Chairman is available on the NWWWRAC website<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> Link:

[http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/2\\_Annual\\_Report\\_NWWWRAC\\_Chairman\\_Work\\_Progress\\_GA\\_Dublin\\_260912\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/2_Annual_Report_NWWWRAC_Chairman_Work_Progress_GA_Dublin_260912_EN.pdf)



## **2.1. Overview of the Year 7 work programme (1 October 2011 to 30 September 2012)**

The NWWRAC Chairman provided a review of the meetings in Year 7 which were either held by the NWWRAC or involved NWWRAC participation. The review also included a list of the actions carried out in accordance with the work programme, as well as a summary description of the letters, opinions and advice, submitted by the NWWRAC, during Year 7.

The Chairman recognised the amount of time and dedication invested by several members in preparing working documents, and highlighted the good work which had already been achieved at the Working Groups on data deficiencies and at the Focus Groups in relation to the development of management plans for mixed demersal fisheries.

## **2.2. Presentation of the work programme for Year 8 (1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013)**

The NWWRAC and Executive Committee Chairman stated that the main body of work for the NWWRAC, in the forthcoming year, will be in seven key areas:

1. CFP reform: The main focus will be on regionalisation, decision-making and governance, with a response to the Commission's consultation paper on the role, composition, functioning and funding of the Advisory Councils (i.e. amendments to the draft CFP and EMFF proposals of Regulations);
2. Mixed Fisheries multi-annual management plans (MAMPs) for areas VI-VII;
3. Data limited stocks – collaboration between science and industry to provide scientific and economic data for improving stocks assessments;
4. Technical Conservation Measures and Initiatives to reduce discards;
5. Stakeholders' contributions to Marine Spatial Planning and Natura 2000/OSPAR;
6. Review of effort regimes and access to western waters;
7. Deep-water habitats and species.

The NWWRAC Chairman encouraged all members to come forward with proposals to set up issue-based focus groups in Year 8 and to bring these ideas to the Executive Committee through the Chairpersons of their respective Working Groups.

The NWWRAC Chairman also encouraged members to do the necessary preparatory work with regard to their ideas in order to make optimal use of NWWRAC finances and expertise.



- **Comments from the GA members and exchange of views with Commission:**

Sean O'Donoghue (KFO) proposed that the NWWRAC consider the establishment of a Focus Group to discuss management measures for nephrops in Area VII. He also indicated his support to hold a Focus Group on Hake, Monkfish and Megrim as suggested by the NWWRAC Chairman during his presentation.

The Celtic Sea Focus Group Chairman (Jacques Pichon) asked the Commission representatives whether there was any news about funding options for the development of a mixed-fisheries, multi-annual management plan (MAMP) for the Celtic Sea (VIIIfg).

The Channel Working Group Chair (Daniel Lefèvre) proposed that the NWWRAC establish a Focus Group to discuss management measures for non-TAC species (e.g. scallops, red mullet, seabass, and red sea bream). Mr Lefèvre will circulate a formal proposal to WG3 members asking for their endorsement.

The Commission's representative, María Fuensanta Candela (Head of Unit C2 of DG MARE), replied to the question posed in relation to the Celtic Sea MAMP. Ms Candela announced that the Commission is in course of preparing the terms of reference to launch a call of interest for a study to develop a decision-support tool to forecast the short and medium term biological and economic impacts and trade-offs associated with changes in fishing patterns to support the formation of a mixed-fisheries management plan. It is expected that this call of interest (whose format is yet to be decided) will be launched before the end of the year. The estimated term of this study is 24 months.

### **2.3. Proposed calendar of meetings for Year 8**

The NWWRAC and Executive Committee Chairman informed the AGM and GA members of a preliminary calendar of meetings for the remainder of 2012 and the first half of 2013. This calendar is available on the NWWRAC website and in the NWWRAC work programme<sup>2</sup>. The AGM and GA members approved the provisional calendar as a part of the annual strategic plan for Year 8, on condition that sufficient prior notice is given to allow members to plan their travel arrangements at minimum cost. It was decision of the AGM and GA members that Focus Group meetings will be established, according to work priorities and budget availability, based on proposals coming directly from Working Groups. Where funding is not available, the Secretariat will seek sponsorship or financial support from public, national, regional and local authorities and/or private organisations.

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<sup>2</sup> The meetings calendar is available in the Chairman's presentation (see footnote 1)



**Decision:** Both the annual report and the annual strategic report (i.e. Work Programme including the calendar of meetings) were approved by consensus by the AGM and members of the General Assembly.

### **3. Report from Secretariat on budget and membership**

The Secretariat (Joanna McGrath; Executive Assistant (Finance and Administration)), in accordance with articles 38 and 48 of the NWWWRAC Rules of Procedure, presented an overall budget update on behalf of the Chairman and the Secretariat. The presentation is available on the NWWWRAC website<sup>3</sup>.

#### **3.1. Review of the income and expenditure for Year 7**

The Secretariat (Ms McGrath) provided an overview of the current position regarding the income and expenditure of the NWWWRAC in Financial Year 7 (1 October 2011 - 30 September 2012).

The main points made were as follows:

##### **❖ Year 7 Income**

- The NWWWRAC received subscriptions of €4,400 from four out of six Member States. €3,700 was received from Belgium who declined a formal request to increase their contribution by €700<sup>4</sup>. An outstanding payment of €4,400 was due from the Spanish Administration. However, a strong commitment had been received from Spain that the payment had been processed and it should be received in the following weeks.
- The final instalment of the EU grant (i.e. €50,000) will be paid after January 2013 and is dependent on the audit and approval of the company accounts as well as receipt by the Commission of the final Year 7 report.

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[http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/3\\_FINAL\\_Report\\_Secretariat\\_Finances\\_Y7\\_Y8\\_GA\\_Dublin\\_260912\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/3_FINAL_Report_Secretariat_Finances_Y7_Y8_GA_Dublin_260912_EN.pdf)

<sup>4</sup> This request was decided at the General Assembly meeting held in October 2010.



### ❖ Year 7 Expenditure

- The NWWRAC is on target to spend as close as possible to 100% of the Year 7 budget;
- An Amendment to the Specific Grant Agreement S12.605114 for Year 7 was approved by the Commission in September 2012. The Amendment reflected several changes between budget headings arising mainly from the additional income received from new member organisations;
- With the exception of the Staff and Fees categories, the main differences between the revised budget and expenditure to date are due to costs associated with the AGM (GA) meeting (e.g. Interpretation, catering, etc.). Fees for the NWWRAC and Ex.Com. Chairman along with the final staff salaries will be paid at the end of the financial year.

The Secretariat (Ms McGrath) advised the General Assembly of the next steps involved in completion of the financial procedures relating to Year 7. These include the submission of the company accounts for audit and thereafter the submission of a final financial and substantive report to the Commission by 31 January 2013.

### 3.2. Proposed budget for Year 8: ratification

The Secretariat (Ms McGrath) provided an overview of the estimated income and expenditure for the forthcoming financial year of the NWWRAC (Year 8; 1 October 2012 – 30 September 2013). The AGM and General Assembly were informed that the provisional budget, as presented, had already been adopted in principle by the Executive Committee through email procedure and would be submitted to the Commission, along with the grant application, on 27 September 2012.

The following points were made by the Secretariat (Ms McGrath):

### ❖ Year 8 Income

- As well as the Commission grant of €250,000, membership fees will contribute €50,850 to the eligible budget of Year 8. Member State contributions will contribute €25,700. This latter amount, as explained previously under Year 7 Income, will consist of 5 payments of €4,400 and 1 payment of €3,700 from Belgium;
- The non-eligible amount of €92,225 from Member States includes the cost of various meeting facilities provided by the Member States as well as the financial contribution from BIM towards overheads and rental costs, and also the time of the Executive Secretary and other BIM staff.



- The amount of €2,552, shown as non-eligible income from the Commission, refers to reimbursement payments by the Commission for RAC staff attendance at Commission meetings. It is a requirement of the Commission that this income is detailed in this manner.

#### ❖ Year 8 Expenditure

- Eligible expenditure has been estimated as being similar to that of Year 7, with some increases in reimbursements and in the costs of interpretation and translation;
- Non-eligible expenditure has been estimated as being similar to that of Year 7.

**Decision:** The presentation ended with a request from the Chairman of the NWWRAC (Mr. Ghiglia) to the AGM and members of the General Assembly to ratify the Year 8 budget. The AGM and members of the General Assembly fully endorsed the proposed budget for Year 8 of NWWRAC operations.

### 3.3. Report on membership

The Secretariat (Ms McGrath) provided members with a brief overview of the current status of NWWRAC membership as well as the variations in membership trends during the 8 years of the NWWRAC's existence. The overview included a breakdown, by category, of membership (i.e. GA, ExCom, WGs) since Year 1, as well as the current (Year 8) distribution of members from the fishing industry and the other interest groups.

The presentation is available for consultation on the NWWRAC website<sup>5</sup>

The Secretariat (Ms. McGrath) highlighted the most recent changes in membership for Years 7 and 8, stating that:

- In Year 7, 4 new members joined the NWWRAC and 2 organisations terminated their membership;
- In Year 8, 1 new application for membership had been received and was pending acceptance and 2 organisations terminated their membership;

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[http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/3\\_FINAL\\_Update\\_NWWRAC\\_Membership\\_Y7\\_Y8\\_September2012\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/3_FINAL_Update_NWWRAC_Membership_Y7_Y8_September2012_EN.pdf)



- Membership of the Executive Committee has remained stable, with the addition of 2 members in Year 7 (1 from the Fishing Sector and 1 from the 1/3 group). However, 2 seats still remain vacant in the 1/3 group (i.e. Other Interest Groups);
- The membership of Working Groups also remains stable with an increase in numbers attending Working Groups 2 and 3 in particular, during Years 7 and 8.

#### **4. Amendments of the rules of procedure of the NWWRAC**

The Secretariat (Alexandre Rodríguez; Executive Assistant (Policy and Communication)), reminded the members that, at the Annual General Assembly in 2011, the Secretariat received a mandate to amend the rules of procedure in order to align the terms of office for re-elected NWWRAC officers to three years. In light of recent experience with consultations made by external researchers and consultants, the Secretariat considered that this would be a good chance to conduct a thorough review of the rules of procedure, which have been unaltered since the RAC was established in September 2005. The rationale is to make necessary changes to the rules of procedure to reflect current practices, as well as to improve the consistency and coherence of Rules of Procedure document (e.g. terminology, article numbering).

At the last Executive Committee meeting (Dublin; July 2012), it was agreed that a draft of the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure prepared by the Secretariat would be made available to all AGM and General Assembly members in the three working languages of the NWWRAC (i.e. English, French and Spanish), giving them a reasonable timeframe for comments.

The Secretariat (Mr. Rodríguez) informed the meeting that if the AGM and members of the GA agreed to endorse these changes, the procedure, established in article 53 of the NWWRAC rules of procedure seeking the consent of the Commission and Member States would apply before presenting the amended text for the formal approval of the Executive Committee by qualified majority.

The Secretariat (Mr. Rodríguez) explained the main changes proposed both on the operating principles and the articles of the rules in detail, and responded to several questions posed by the members on the scope and extent of amendments.

Following discussion, the Secretariat proposed of the following sequence of actions regarding this draft document:

1. The proposed amendments will be circulated to the members of the General Assembly for comment in the three working languages of the NWWRAC, i.e. English, French and Spanish;
2. A maximum consultation period of 8 weeks will be given to members to provide comment on the amendments, as drafted (c. October/November);



3. A revised text will be submitted to the Member States associated with the NWWRAC and the European Commission (c. December/January);
4. If common agreement is reached, the text will be put forward for adoption at the next Executive Committee meeting in 2013 (to be confirmed).

**Decision: The AGM and members of the General Assembly approved the procedure presented by the Secretariat.**

The presentation is available for consultation on the NWWRAC website<sup>6</sup>.

## **5. Discussion on the Commission's consultation paper on the role and composition of the Advisory Councils within the context of CFP reform:**

### **5.1. Background and objectives**

The Chairman of the NWWRAC gave the floor to the Chairman of the Executive Committee (Bertie Armstrong), to introduce this topic and moderate the subsequent exchange of views among the members. The Chairman summarised the challenges identified by the Commission in their letter to the RACs seeking an effective and efficient stakeholders' consultation, and invited the meeting to reflect on the possible configurations that the current RACs may have within the future CFP. The NWWRAC Chairman encouraged all members to actively participate in the debate and provide their contributions to the different questions posed in the paper and to include other issues and proposals in their responses. The meeting was reminded that the official deadline for the submission of a response is the 20 October, 2012.

The Commission's representative encouraged the NWWRAC to develop their own vision of how regionalisation might take shape and reminded the meeting that the consultation paper would be the only agenda item at the next coordination meeting between the RACs and the Commission.

This event has been scheduled for Friday 28 September, 2012. The Commission noted that this would be a good chance for the NWWRAC to present their preliminary conclusions to the Commission, as detailed discussions are expected to take place.

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[http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/4\\_FINAL\\_Presentation\\_Review\\_NWWRAC\\_Rules\\_Procedure\\_Sept2012\\_EN.pdf](http://www.nwwrac.org/admin/publication/upload/4_FINAL_Presentation_Review_NWWRAC_Rules_Procedure_Sept2012_EN.pdf)



## 5.2. Comments from members

There was clear consensus from the floor that future Advisory Councils should have an enhanced advisory role in a regional context.

Sean O'Donoghue (KFO) voiced his concern that the Commission's request was premature and back-to-front as the NWWWRAC could not answer the questions posed in the paper until it knew how the regionalisation of the RACs was going to be proposed by the Commission. In view of this, Mr. O'Donoghue advocated that the NWWWRAC should focus on developing workable solutions, placing particular emphasis on the funding aspects of the Advisory Councils and that the Advisory Councils should be the "work horse" of any future decentralised entities dealing with management plans.

Bertie Armstrong (SFF) and Hugo González (ANASOL-ARVI) agreed with the views presented by Sean O'Donoghue and stated that the NWWWRAC does not need to address all the questions posed in the Commission's paper at this time, but that the NWWWRAC could usefully provide input on the composition and practical functioning of the RACs to the Commission.

Daniel Lefèvre (CRPMBN) wondered if the future Advisory Councils would have the same geographical scope as the current RACs or would there be some change in this context.

Mireille Thom (WWF) informed the meeting that although the Commission's Green Paper on CFP reform was very promising in terms of moving away from micro-management, the subsequent EC Proposal of Basic Regulation on the CFP failed to deliver a clear regional framework and left a vacuum that needs to be filled by legislators and stakeholders working together. A clear majority of stakeholders is in favour of regionalisation, but if the NWWWRAC wants to improve regional governance a clear vision or model should be developed and presented by the NWWWRAC to the Commission. The RACs are well positioned to provide ideas of how regionalisation might take shape. For example, RACs could play a role as facilitators between Member States involved in the development of a multiannual management plan for a specific area or fishery. The NWWWRAC has an opportunity to provide ideas to the Commission and the membership needs to be ambitious about what the NWWWRAC can deliver and about how the NWWWRAC interacts with other EU institutions and bodies (e.g. Commission, Member States, European Parliament, scientific institutes)

Anne-Marie Kats (AIPCE-CEP) submitted a formal proposal to the NWWWRAC on behalf of AIPCE-CEP for the creation of an Advisory Council on Markets and Trade, in order to continue with the work carried out by ACFA WG3 and to deal with horizontal issues such as food safety, import concessions and tariffs, labeling, CMO, etc. that might not fit within a regional context of the existing RACs.



Regarding its composition, Ms. Kats clarified that this does not mean to create a separate forum for processors only, but is intended to comprise all sectors of the industry (i.e. catching, processing, trading and aquaculture interest groups) to provide evidence-based advice to the Commission and the Member States on market related issues.

Sean O'Donoghue and Jacques Pichon, speaking on behalf of the European Association of Producers' Organisations (EAPO), and Eduardo Míguez, as representative of the European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions (EAFPA), respectively, supported this proposal.

Returning to the previous issue under discussion, the ExCom Chairman (Bertie Armstrong) suggested concentrating on the following questions of the Commission's paper:

- Cooperation between Advisory Councils and scientists (Q3 and Q4);
- Funding (Q6 and Q7);
- Composition of the NWWRAC and representation of small scale fisheries (Q8, Q9 and Q10);

Several members stated that the NWWRAC has already helped the Commission to identify research priorities in north western waters and that future Advisory Councils will need to secure appropriate and sufficient funding to carry out their activities in accordance with any enhanced role or increased advisory responsibilities.

The majority of members were of the opinion that it would be useful to retain the current membership composition of the NWWRAC (i.e. 2/3 fishing industry and 1/3 other groups of interest) while ensuring a balanced representation of all stakeholders. It was also agreed that the small-scale fisheries sector is adequately represented in the NWWRAC, and no preferential treatment should be given to this sector over any other fishing sectors. However, it was also acknowledged that number of small-scale fisheries organisations might vary from one RAC to another given the different specificities of the RACs.

The AGM and GA members of the NWWRAC also expressed the view that the NWWRAC should continue with the decision making process currently in force where advice was provided by consensus and included minority opinions where consensus was not achieved.

There were no comments on the international dimension of Advisory Councils, as this was considered to be outside the remit of the NWWRAC, or aquaculture, as the NWWRAC had no members from this sector.



## **6. Summary of actions and closing remarks by the Chairman (Mr. Ghiglia):**

The Chairman of the NWWRAC summarised the actions generated at the AGM and General Assembly, as follows:

The Secretariat will proceed to:

- Confirm those dates and venues that have been tentatively indicated for the first quarter (October-December 2012) and second quarter (January-March 2013) of Year 8 in the NWWRAC calendar of meetings approved by the General Assembly;
- Finalise all administrative arrangements and paperwork related to the closing of accounts for the Year 7 budget and advance the work relating to the budget for Year 8 (as ratified by the General Assembly);
- Circulate the proposed amendments to the rules of procedure of the NWWRAC in the three working languages of the NWWRAC (i.e. EN-FR-ES) to all NWWRAC members, giving a maximum period of consultation of 8 weeks (October/November 2012).
- Draft a NWWRAC response to the Commission's consultation paper on the role and composition of the Advisory Councils. NWWRAC advice will be based on the outcomes of the discussions under item 5 as well as incorporating the content of previous NWWRAC submissions to the Commission on regionalisation and role of the Advisory Councils. The draft response will be distributed to all members of the NWWRAC for comments and feedback in order to generate approved NWWRAC advice, which is submitted within the deadline, requested by the Commission.
- Participate at the coordination meeting with DG MARE and the RACs on 28 September 2012 in Brussels.

The President, Mr. Ghiglia thanked the attendees, the Secretariat for their work in preparing the meetings and presentations, the Irish Government and Dublin Castle authorities for hosting this event, and the interpreters for their professionalism and contribution to the success of the meeting.

**The meeting closed at 12:00**



## Annex I

### List of members and participating observers

| GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS |  |                      |                  |
|--------------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|
| Member State             | Organisation   | Representative       | Status           |
| France                   | Union des armateurs de la pêche en France (UAPF)                               | Marc Ghiglia         | NWWRAC President |
| UK                       | Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)  | Bertie Armstrong     | NWWRAC Chairman  |
| Belgium                  | Rederscentrale   | Emiel Brouckaert     | GA Member        |
| Belgium                  | Stichting voor Duurzame Visserij Ontwikkeling (SDVO)                           | Luc Corbisier        | GA Member        |
| EU                       | AIPCE-CEP  | Anne-Marie Kats      | GA Member        |
| EU                       | European Anglers' Alliance (EAA)   | John Crudden         | GA Member        |
| EU                       | European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions (EAFPA)                     | Eduardo Míguez López | GA Member        |
| EU                       | European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD)                        | Cécile Fouquet       | GA Member        |
| EU                       | European Transport Federation (ETF)  | Bruno Dachicourt     | GA Member        |
| EU                       | Seas at Risk Organisation  | Debbie Crockard      | GA Member        |
| France                   | Association Nationale des Organisations de Producteurs (ANOP)                  | Jacques Pichon       | GA Member        |
| France                   | Comité Départemental des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins du Finistère  | René-Pierre Chever   | GA Member        |
| France                   | Comité National des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins                    | Caroline Gamblin     | GA Member        |
| France                   | Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins de Basse Normandie | Daniel Lefèvre       | WG3 Chairman     |

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| GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS |  |                    |           |
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| Member State             | Organisation   | Representative     | Status    |
| France                   | Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins de Bretagne                        | Olivier Le Nezet   | GA Member |
| France                   | Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins du Nord / Pas de Calais / Picardie | Delphine Roncin    | GA Member |
| France                   | Coopératives Maritimes Etaploises et Armement Coopératif Artisanal du Nord (CME OP)            | Dominique Thomas   | GA Member |
| France                   | Copeport Maree OPBN  | Richard Brouzes    | GA Member |
| France                   | France Pêche Durable et Responsable  | Thierry Lepêtre    | GA Member |
| France                   | Organisation des Pêcheries de l'Ouest Bretagne (OPOB)  | André Gueguen      | GA Member |
| France                   | Pêcheurs de la Manche et d'Atlantique  | Jacques Pichon     | GA Member |
| Ireland                  | Irish Fishermen's Organisation (IFO)   | John Lynch         | GA Member |
| Ireland                  | Irish Fish Producers' Organisation (IFPO)  | Francis O'Donnell  | GA Member |
| Ireland                  | Irish Seal Sanctuary (ISS)   | John Woodlock      | GA Member |
| Ireland                  | Irish South and East Fish Producer's Organisation (IS&E FPO)                                   | Caitlín Uí Aodha   | GA Member |
| Ireland                  | Irish South and West Fish Producer's Organisation (IS&W FPO)                                   | Eibhlin O'Sullivan | GA Member |
| Ireland                  | Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation (KFO)   | Sean O'Donoghue    | GA Member |
| Netherlands              | Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij / Dutch Fisheries Organisation (SVNV)                    | Anton Dekker       | GA Member |



| GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS |   |                            |                |
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| Member State             | Organisation  | Representative             | Status         |
| Spain                    | Asociación Nacional de Armadores de Pesca de Gran Sol (ANASOL)                        | Hugo C. González García    | GA Member      |
| Spain                    | Lonja de La Coruña S.A.   | José Luis Otero Gonzalez   | GA Member      |
| Spain                    | Organización de Productores de Pesca (OPPAO) / CEPESCA                                | Víctor Badiola             | GA Member      |
| Spain                    | Organización de Productores Pesqueros de Lugo (OPP-7)                                 | Mercedes Rodríguez Moreda  | GA Member      |
| Spain                    | Pescagalicia-Arpega-Obarco  | Juan Carlos Corrás Arias   | GA Member      |
| Spain                    | Puerto de Celeiro S.A.  | Jesús Angel Lourido García | WG2 Chairman   |
| UK                       | Anglo-North Irish FPO Ltd (ANIFPO)  | Alan McCulla               | WG4 Chairman   |
| UK                       | Cornish Fish Producer's Organisation Ltd. (CFPO)                                      | Paul Trebilcock            | GA Member      |
| UK                       | Manx Fish Producers' Organisation   | Thomas Bryan-Brown         | GA Member      |
| UK                       | National Federation of Fishermen's Organisation (UK)                                  | Anthony Delahunty          | GA Member      |
| UK                       | Orkney Fisheries Association and Orkney Fish Producer's Organisation Ltd.             | Alan Coghill               | GA Member      |
| UK                       | Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), representing Birdlife International | Kara Brydson               | GA Member      |
| UK                       | Scottish Fishermen's Organisation (SFO)   | Jane Sandell               | WG1 Chairwoman |
| UK                       | South West Fish Producers Organisation Ltd. (SWFPO)                                   | Jim Portus                 | GA Member      |
| UK                       | World Wildlife Fund (WWF)   | Mireille Thom              | GA Member      |



| GENERAL ASSEMBLY OBSERVERS |                       |  |                                       |
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| First Name                 | Last Name             | Organisation   | Status                                |
| María Fuensanta            | Candela Castillo      | European Commission                                      | Observer - DG Mare                    |
| Maurice                    | Clarke                | Marine Institute   | Observer                              |
| John                       | Daly                  | Irish Seal Sanctuary                                     | Observer                              |
| Ramón                      | de la Figuera Morales | Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente | Member State Representative - Spain   |
| Sarah                      | Goddard               | CEFAS/GAP2 Project                                       | Observer                              |
| Rory                       | Keatinge              | Coastwatch   | Observer                              |
| Steve                      | Mackinson             | CEFAS/GAP 2 Project                                      | Observer                              |
| Laurent                    | Markovic              | European Commission                                      | Observer - DG Mare                    |
| Luc                        | Mellaerts             | SDVO   | Observer                              |
| Sean                       | Murray                | Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine           | Member State Representative - Ireland |
| Brendan                    | Price                 | Irish Seal Sanctuary                                     | Observer                              |
| Ilaria                     | Vielmini              | AquaTT   | Observer                              |

| NWWRAC BOARD OF DIRECTORS | NWWRAC SECRETARIAT  |
|---------------------------|---------------------|
| Bertie Armstrong          | Alexandre Rodríguez |
| Dr Conor Nolan            | Joanna McGrath      |



## Annex II

### Updated list of Members of the Executive Committee

| MEMBERS OF THE NWWRAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (2/3 Fishing industry) |                      |                |  |                         |
|--|----------------------|----------------|--|-------------------------|
|  | Category             | Member State   | Organisation   | Main Representative     |
| 1  | Catching Sector      | Belgium        | Rederscentrale   | Emiel Brouckaert        |
| 2  | Catching Sector      | Belgium        | Stichting voor Duurzame Visserij Ontwikkeling (SDVO)                     | Luc Corbisier           |
| 3  | Catching Sector      | France         | Association Nationale des Organisations de Producteurs (ANOP)            | Jacques Pichon          |
| 4  | Catching Sector      | France         | Comité National des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins (CNPMM)      | André Gueguen           |
| 5  | Catching Sector      | Ireland        | Irish South and West Fish Producer's Organisation (IS&W FPO)             | Eibhlín O'Sullivan      |
| 6  | Catching Sector      | Ireland        | Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation (KFO)                                 | Sean O'Donoghue         |
| 7  | Catching Sector      | Netherlands    | Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij (Dutch Fisheries Organisation) (1) | Anton Dekker            |
| 8  | Catching Sector      | Netherlands    | Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij (Dutch Fisheries Organisation) (2) | Geert Meun              |
| 9  | Catching Sector      | Spain          | Asociación Nacional de Armadores de Pesca de Gran Sol (ANASOL)           | Hugo C. González García |
| 10   | Catching Sector      | Spain          | Organización de Productores de Pesca (OPPAO) / CEPESCA                   | Víctor Badiola          |
| 11   | Catching Sector      | United Kingdom | National Federation of Fishermen's Organisation (NFFO)                   | Barrie Deas             |
| 12   | Catching Sector      | United Kingdom | Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)                                    | Bertie Armstrong        |
| 13   | Fishing Sector Other | EU             | AIPCE-CEP  | Anne-Marie Kats         |
| 14   | Fishing Sector Other | EU             | European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions (EAFPA)               | Eduardo Míguez López    |
| 15   | Fishing Sector Other | EU             | European Transport Federation (ETF)                                      | Jacques Bigot           |
| 16   | Fishing Sector Other | France         | France Pêche Durable et Responsable                                      | Bruno Dachicourt        |



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| 17  | Other Interest Group | EU             | European Anglers' Alliance (EAA)  | John Crudden        |
| 18  | Other Interest Group | EU             | European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD)                               | Cécile Fouquet      |
| 19  | Other Interest Group | EU             | World Wildlife Fund (WWF)   | Iwan Ball           |
| 20  | Other Interest Group | Ireland        | Irish Seal Sanctuary (ISS)  | John Woodlock       |
| 21  | Other Interest Group | United Kingdom | Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), representing Birdlife International | Kara Brydson        |
| 22  | Other Interest Group | EU             | Seas at Risk  | Debbie Crockard     |
| 23  | Other Interest Group | –              | VACANT SEAT   | –                   |
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