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Meetings to date



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17 NWWRAC Meetings in Year 3



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September 2007-February 2008

- Executive Committee Meeting, Dublin, 27th of September 2007
- General Assembly Meeting, Dublin, 28th of September 2007
- Focus Group on Cod Recovery, Dublin, 28th of September 2007
- 4 Working Groups, Brussels, 30th-31st of October 2007
- Executive Committee Meeting, Brussels, 22nd of November 2007
- Focus Group on Deepwater Species, Paris, 5th of Feb 2008
- Focus Group on Deepwater Gillnets, Paris, 6th of Feb 2008
- Focus Group on Cod Avoidance Plans for ICES area VIa, Dublin, 13th of Feb 2008
- Focus Group on Northern Hake Management, Bilbao, 21st of Feb 2008



March 2008-September 2008

- Joint RAC Workshop on MPAs & Habitats Directive, Edinburgh, 5th-6th of March 2008
- 4 Working Groups, Manchester, 11th-13th of March 2008
- Focus Group on Data Collection and MSY, Manchester, 12th of March 2008
- Executive Committee Meeting, Amsterdam, 15th of April 2008.
- NWWRAC-SWWRAC Focus Group on Northern Hake Management, Madrid, 22nd of May 2008
- Joint RAC Focus Group on Deep-sea Species, Lisbon, 16th of June 2008
- 4 Working Groups, Madrid, 3rd-4th of July
- Joint RAC Seminar on Long Term Management Plans, Nantes, 11-12 Sept 2008



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Other Meetings with NWWRAC involvement



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Other Meetings with NWWRAC representation

- ACFM meeting, Copenhagen, 4th-11th of October 2007
- EC-RACs-ACFA meeting on TACs and quotas, Brussels 13th November 2007
- EC-RACs-ACFA Coordination Meeting, Brussels 11th of December 2007
- Meeting between ICES & RACs (MIRAC), Vigo, 29th of January 2008
- Inter-RAC meeting on Control, Peterhead, 21st of February 2008
- CFCA Advisory Board– Brussels, 4th of March 2008
- European Parliament Conference on Shark Action Plan – Brussels, 6th of March
- EFIMAS Project Conference, Brussels 11-12th of March 2008
- EU Commission Workshop on Control, Brussels, 10th of April 2008
- Meeting with the House of Lords Select Committee 23rd of April 2008
- EU Commission Discards Workshop, Brussels, 27th of May 2008
- EC-RACs-ACFA Coordination Meeting, Brussels of 29th of May 2008
- Meeting with Fishermen on Sampling Catches: Copenhagen 12th-13th June 2008



14 Opinions

Published in the period



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Work Focused on the following for this period:

- Cod Recovery
- Hake Management
- Discarding
- Fuel Crisis
- Control & Enforcement
- MPAs
- Spurdog
- Fishing Opportunities (TAC & Quotas)



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Opinions and Advice Published

- RESPONSE on the Commission Non-Paper on Cod Recovery (October 2007)
- RESPONSE to the EC Non-Paper on a new approach to effort management under Annex II of TAC Regulation (October 2007)
- NWWRAC OPINION on Fishing Opportunities for 2008 (October 2007)
- NWWRAC OPINION on Stocks Subject to TAC and Quotas for 2008 (December 2007)
- Response to the UK consultation on offshore SAC (April 2008)
- North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council RESPONSE To European Commission Consultation Procedure on Modernization and Reform of the Control System of the Common Fisheries Policy (May 2008)
- North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council OPINION on 5% By-Catch Limit for Spurdog as per 2008 TAC and Quota Regulation (May 2008)
- NWWRAC & SWWRAC JOINT OPINION Response to European Commission Consultation On a Long-term Management Plan for Northern Hake Stock (June 2008)



Opinions and Advice Published

- NWWRAC & SWWRAC JOINT POSITION on General considerations on the current situation of crisis of the fishing industry in Europe. (June 2008)
- NWWRAC Opinion on the Proposal of Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2009 (Policy Statement from the European Commission) (June 2008)
- NWWRAC Opinion on Proposal for a Council Regulation amending Regulations (EC) No 423/2004 and (EEC) No 2847/93 as regards cod recovery (July 2008)
- NWWRAC Fishing Industry support letter for the adoption of an Emergency Package of Measures for the recovery of the fishing sector in Europe (July 2008)
- Response to the Commission Non-paper on Discarding (July 2008)
- Proposal on Priority Areas of Work for Community Fisheries Control Agency in North Western Waters (July 2008)
- Response to the Commission proposals on Blue Ling Management (September 2008)



Future Work Programme

Proposed Timetable



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Meetings

Meetings held to date:

- Executive Committee 8th of October, Paris
- Focus Group on TCMs 9th of October, Paris
- General Assembly 19th of November, Dublin

Meetings Proposed:

- 17th and 18th February: Working Groups in Spain
- 28th of April: Executive Committee in Paris (Date to be reviewed due to clash with Seafood Expo)
- 8th and 9th of July: Working Groups in Paris
- 16th of September: Executive Committee (Venue to be decided)
- 5 more focus groups/Joint meetings budgeted for



Future Work Programme

Proposed Topics



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Proposed Topics

The Following are topics emerging from Commission proposed work program for 2008-2009:

Control and Enforcement-

- Proposed amendments for simplification of current rules (November 2008)
 - Proposal for C&E scheme for NEAFC area (4th quarter 2008)
 - Proposed Council regulation on IUU (3rd quarter 2009)
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- Common Organisation of the Markets (COM/CMO)
 - Start review of COM regulations (4th quarter 2008/Early 2009)
 - Proposed Council regulation on COM (October 2009)
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- Proposal for Council regulation for Northern Hake Management (4th quarter 2008)



Proposed Topics

The Following are topics emerging from Commission proposed work program for 2008-2009:

- Roadmap for Marine Spatial Planning (November 2008)
- Review of measures to prevent incidental bycatch of cetaceans (4th quarter 2008)
- Draft Communication on Eco-labeling (March 2009)
- Green Paper on reform of CFP (April 2009)
- Proposed amendment to council regulation on protection of vulnerable ecosystems on high seas (2nd quarter 2009)
- Communication on integrated Marine Policy (October 2009)
- Commission Communication on Marine observation and data network (November 2009)
- Commission communication on reducing by catch of seabirds (December 2009)



Proposed Topics

The Following are topics emerging from Commission proposed work program for 2008-2009:

- No information in draft plan on next steps for discards and/or TCM proposals

Proposed Work Programme

Proposed Priority areas for NWWRAC for 2008-2009:

- Discarding, Bycatch and TCMs
 - Work with Commission to develop tangible ways forward in developing ways to reduce discards and improve TCMs
 - Work with Commission to improve information on bycatch of cetaceans and/or birds to highlight problem areas and develop solutions to reduce by-catch.
- Data
 - Work with Scientist to improve data available to scientists for stock assessments
 - Attend ICES workshops and carry on work (if need be) at focus group level
- Long-term Management
 - Refocus RAC on this topic to develop agreed way forward and restart work

Proposed Work Programme

Proposed Priority areas for NWWRAC for 2008-2009:

- Marine Spatial Planning
 - Follow up on Progress of MPAs in NWWRAC area
 - Review and respond to MSP document
- Control and Enforcement
 - Work with Commission on simplification of legislation
 - Work with CFCA to assist in development and roll out of work programme in NWW area for 2009
- CFP
 - Receive presentation on review process and intention of the Commission at General Assembly
 - Review and respond to Green paper on CFP
- COM
 - Work with commission on review of legislation





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