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# Chairman's Report

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General Assembly  
Dublin Castle  
27<sup>th</sup> October 2010



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**Year 5** (October 2009 - September 2010)

# Work Programme Review

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# Year 5

## 13 Meetings of the RAC

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# Year 5 – RAC Meetings (i)

- ❑ 1 General Assembly (Dublin, 28 October 2009)
  
- ❑ 3 Executive Committee
  - Paris, 29 January 2010
  - Paris, 7 July 2010 (*postponed from 7 May*)
  - Madrid, 9 September 2010
  
- ❑ 2 sets of 4 Sub-regional Working Groups
  - Madrid, 2-4 March 2010
  - Paris, 6-8 July 2010



## Year 5 – RAC Meetings (ii)

- ❑ 1 Horizontal WG on Marine Spatial Planning (Madrid, 4 March 2010)
- ❑ 1 Annual Presentation of ICES Advice (Madrid, 7 July 2010)
- ❑ 5 Focus Groups:
  - Nephrops management VI and VII - Edinburgh, 3 Nov. 2009
  - Reform of the CFP - Madrid, 29 November 2009
  - Management Plan for Haddock VIa - Edinburgh, 8 April 2010
  - Celtic Sea Demersal Fisheries - Paris, 7 July 2010
  - Celtic Sea Demersal Fisheries -Madrid, 8 September 2010



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# Year 5

# External Meetings



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# External Meetings (i)

- EC Coordination Meeting with ACFA and the RACs  
Brussels, 5 October;
- Workshop on Defining Actions and Measures for the OSPAR list  
Paris, 14-16 October;
- ICES Working Groups on the Formulation and Format of Scientific Advice  
WKFORM – WKFAR: Lisbon, 1-5 December;
- EC Meeting with Stakeholders on CFP reform  
Brussels, 19-20 January;
- EC Seminar on Rights Based Management in the CFP  
Brussels, 25 January;
- VI Annual Meeting between ICES and the RACs (MIRAC)  
Gdynia (Poland), 26-27 January;
- Debriefing Meeting between NWWRAC and DG MARE  
Brussels, 28 January;



# External Meetings (ii)

- EC Meeting on Small Scale and Coastal Fisheries in the CFP  
Brussels, 25 February;
- ICES Benchmark Workshop for Roundfish (WKROUND) – Northern Hake  
Copenhagen, 9-16 February;
- ICES Benchmark Workshop on Deep Water Species (WKDEEP)  
Copenhagen, 17-24 February;
- ICES Benchmark Workshop on Flatfish (WKFLAT) – Channel Plaice  
Copenhagen, 25-27 February;
- ICES Workshop on Implementing the ICES Fmsy Framework (WKFRAME)  
Copenhagen, 22-26 March;
- CFCFA Advisory Board and Administrative Board Meetings  
Vigo, 2 March (Adv. Board) and 18 March (Adm. Board);
- EC Seminars on Promotion and Supply of Fishing Products  
Madrid, 14-15 April;





## External Meetings (iii)

- EC Conference on the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy  
A Coruña, 2-3 May;
- EC-STEFC Workshop on Evaluation of LTMP for Sole Stocks  
Brussels, 17-18 May;
- EC Workshop on Technical Conservation Measures Discards  
Brussels, 21 June;
- Conference on Fisheries Dependent Information  
Galway, 23-26 August;
- EC Seminar on the State of European Fish Stocks in 2010  
Brussels, 14 September;
- ICES Young Fishermen Meeting at the ASC  
Nantes, 20-24 September;
- CFCA Advisory Board Meeting  
Vigo, 21 September.



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# Year 5 - Letters, Opinions and Advice

22 submissions

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*All public and available in the publications section of the NWWRAC website: [www.nwwrac.org](http://www.nwwrac.org)*

# Letters, Opinions and Advice (i)

Type of Advice produced - Main areas of Work:

- CFP Reform – Governance and role of the RACs;
- EC Fishing Opportunities for 2010/2011;
- Data Quality for Stock Assessments;
- Maritime Policy - Marine Spatial Planning;
- Management Plans (e.g. Cod, Haddock, Nephrops, Sole);
- Effort regime (VIIIfg);
- Deep sea regime access and management;
- Skates and Rays;



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# Letters, Opinions and Advice (ii)

- ❑ Letter to Commission on the State of Play of LTMP for West of Scotland Haddock (5/11/2009);
- ❑ Letter to Member States requesting data for West of Scotland Haddock stock assessments (5/11/2009);
- ❑ Opinion on Management of Sole for Division VIIe – Comments to STECF response to EC request (5/11/2009);
- ❑ Joint RAC Letter to Commissioner Borg, European Parliament and Member States in relation to adoption of Technical Conservation Measures Regulation (9/11/2009);



# Letters, Opinions and Advice (iii)

- ❑ Advice on Management Measures for Nephrops Stocks (11/11/2009);
- ❑ Letter on Survival Rates and Stock Status of Skates and Rays in Area VII; and Cod and Plaice in sub-area VIIId (12/11/2009);
- ❑ Opinion on the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (18/12/2009);
- ❑ Letter to the Governments of Ireland and Northern Ireland in response to a joint submission in relation to regulatory (management and conservation) measures for Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough (25/2/2010);



# Letters, Opinions and Advice (iv)

- ❑ Letter to DG ENV in relation to the participation of RAC members at WGs for the implementation of the MESFD (2008/56/CE) (1/3/2010);
- ❑ Letter on Fisheries Data Deficiency to the Commission, Member States and scientific institutes (1/4/2010);
- ❑ Advice in relation to review of the deepsea access regime [Council Regulation (EC) No 2347/2002] (1/4/2010);
- ❑ Letter to EC-ICES re TAC levels for LTMP for WS Haddock (21/5/2010);



# Letters, Opinions and Advice (v)

- ❑ Letter to Member States regarding Anglerfish surveys in Vla (25/6/10);
- ❑ Opinion on management measures for the Celtic Sea (29/7/2010);
- ❑ Opinion on Channel Plaice management (29/7/2010);
- ❑ Opinion on Irish Sea Sole and Whiting (29/7/2010);
- ❑ Letter to the UK on the Extension of Consultation on MPA (29/7/2010);



# Letters, Opinions and Advice (vi)

- ❑ Letter on geographical implementation of high grading ban (29/7/10);
- ❑ Advice on Fishing Opportunities for 2011 (29/7/10);
- ❑ Opinion on Incidental Catches of Seabirds (3/9/2010);
- ❑ NSRAC-NWWRAC Joint Opinion on Deepsea Species: Fishing industry position paper (14/9/2010);
- ❑ Letter to CFCA on Priority Areas of Work in NW Waters (27/9/2010)





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# Work Programme

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# Proposed work programme (i)

## **PRIORITY WORK AREAS FOR NWWRAC FOR YEAR 6 (2010-2011)**

*(extracted from the NWWRAC Work Programme for Year 6 presented to the Commission in September 2010)*

- **CFP Reform**
  - Participate in ongoing discussions at external meetings and express NWWRAC views as contribution to the process
  - Develop and Submit a NWWRAC Opinion on regionalisation and governance
  - Work with other RACs to put forward proposal on other topics of shared interest (e.g. capacity, socio-economics...)
  
- **Long-term Management Plans in North Western Waters**
  - Agree a set of objectives and initiate works for the elaboration and building of a LTMP for Demersal Fisheries in VIIf/g
  - Progress on work done up to date for several stocks:
    - Northern hake
    - West of Scotland haddock
    - Western Channel sole
    - Nephrops VII
    - Irish Sea stocks (e.g. cod, sole and whiting)
  - Explore options and define a proposed way forward for additional benchmarked stocks (Anglerfish? Megrim?)
  
- **Quality of Scientific and Economic Data**
  - Work with Scientists to improve data available for stock assessments
  - Ensure NWWRAC members' participation and presence at all relevant ICES groups and workshops
  - Set up a Regional Task Force to address data deficiencies and carry on work at WG/FG level
  - Liaise with European Commission, national and international scientific institutes and experts to obtain useful data and reports that can be feed into evidence-based RAC advice



# Proposed work programme (ii)

## PRIORITY WORK AREAS FOR NWWRAC FOR YEAR 6 (2010-2011)

- ❑ Marine Spatial Planning and Natura 2000
  - Follow up on Progress of MPA / SAC in North Western Waters
  - Contribute to implement Marine Spatial Framework Directive and Maritime Policy Derived Legislation
  - Engage in consultations with national agencies for marine activities (e.g. wind farms, gravel, oil and gas)
  
- ❑ Discarding and By-catch
  - Work with Commission to develop tangible ways forward in developing ways to reduce discards and improve selectivity while ensuring socio-economic viability for the fleets
  - Set up a focus group / workshop on discards for Area VII if required.
  - Work with Commission to improve information on by-catch of cetaceans and/or birds to highlight problem areas and develop solutions to reduce by-catch.
  
- ❑ Technical Conservation Measures
  - Work with Commission in amending the current regulation and developing a “fishery by fishery” approach and assist them to define those workable measures for each specific NWW sub-areas.
  
- ❑ Control and Enforcement
  - Work with Commission on simplification of legislation and “level playing field” rules
  - Work with CFCA to develop a culture of compliance and assist in implementation of joint deployment plans in NWW for 2011-2015

# Year 6 - Proposed Calendar of Meetings (i)

- ❑ General Assembly - October 27, Dublin Castle;
- ❑ Horizontal Working Group on CFP Reform - October 27, Dublin Castle;
- ❑ Workshop on Economics of Fisheries - October 28, Dublin Castle;
- ❑ Focus Group on Celtic Sea Fisheries  
4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2010 / 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2011 (to be agreed);
- ❑ Regional Task Force on Data Deficiencies  
4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2010 / 1<sup>st</sup> quarter 2011 (to be agreed);
- ❑ Focus Group on Northern Hake  
4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2010 / 2011;



# Year 6 - Proposed Calendar of Meetings (ii)

- ❑ Executive Committee - End of January (Week 4);
- ❑ Working Groups - Beginning of March (Week 10);
- ❑ Executive Committee - Mid May (Week 20);
- ❑ Working Groups - Beginning of July (Week 27);
- ❑ Executive Committee - Mid September (Week 37);
- ❑ 2-3 additional Focus Groups to be agreed - 2011.



# Year 6 - Focus Groups

- Funding for 5 Focus Groups (1/2 day duration each);
  - Max. 8 members per meeting (entitled to reimbursement);
  - Number of FG could be increased if NWWRAC structure is reviewed.
- Call of interest (room for flexibility)
  - Suggestions of Topics;
  - Application forms;
  - Final Selection.
- Interpretation services only if requested;
  - Depending on funding availability.
  - Will seek sponsorship from Member States.



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