

Report from the Chair of the Executive Committee

General Assembly
Dublin, 06th September 2019



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Main areas of Work in Year 14

■ Landing Obligation

- Further Development of the Choke Mitigation Tool;
- Engagement with the NWW Member States Group;
- Advice on Addressing Choke Risk after Exemptions;
- Advice on Implementation and Control and enforcement.

■ Consultation responses

- (EU) Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2019;
- (EU) Review of State Aid Framework applicable to the fishery and aquaculture sector
- (EP) Technical measures

■ Management of stocks

- Cod 6a
- Skates & Rays

Main areas of Work in Year 14 (Contd)

- **Collaboration with External Groups**
 - NWW Member States Group (Routine attendance);
 - ICES (MIACO and MIAC);
 - EFCA;
 - EU Expert Group on Fisheries Control;

Other relevant work in Year 14

■ Recruitment

- Deputy Executive Secretary
 - Mo Mathies (29 April 2019 – present)
 - Matilde Vallerani (01 June 2019 – present)

- Financial Administrator and Event Manager
 - Monica Negoita (19 June 2018 - present)

Year 14

32 Meetings of the NWWAC



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Year 14 – NWWAC Meetings

■ 1 General Assembly

- GA/AGM September 2019

■ 3 Executive Committee

- Madrid March 2019
- Ghent July 2019
- Dublin September 2019

■ 12 Sub-regional Working Groups

- Madrid March 2019
- Ghent July 2019
- Dublin September 2019

Year 14 – NWWAC Meetings (contd)

■ 15 Horizontal Working Groups/Focus Groups

- Cod Management 6a (November 2018)

■ Landing Obligation/ Marine Litter

Madrid (March 2019), Ghent (July 2019)

- Evaluation of EU Marketing Standards Ghent (July 2019)

- 3 Control and Compliance Brussels (October 2018, January & March 2019)

- Skates and Rays (February 2019)

- Technical Conservation Measures Ghent (July 2019)

- 3 Brown Crab Zoom (June, July 2019), Dublin (September 2019)

- 2 Marine Plastics Zoom (July 2019), Dublin (September 2019)

- Seabass Dublin (September 2019)

- Advice Drafting Fishing Opportunities 2020 Dublin (September 2019)

■ 1 Inter-AC

- Functioning of the Advisory Councils post Brexit Madrid (December 2018)

Year 14 – NWWAC Meetings (Contd)

- **1 meetings co-hosted by the NWWAC**
 - **ICES Irish Sea Benchmark (WkIrish 5)**
Dublin (October 2018)

Year 14

External Meetings with NWWAC participation



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Year 14 - External Meetings – Some examples

- **North Western Waters Member States Group**

 - 9 Meetings of the High Level Group and Technical Group

- **ICES**

 - MIACO & MIAC (January 2019)

- **Workshops – Conferences – Symposia**

 - EC Workshop on small scale fisheries (December 2018)

 - MSC workshop impact of the Landing Obligation (December 2018)

 - SUMARiS (May 2019)

 - ICES WKSCINDI (June 2019)

 - EC Landing Obligation Seminar (June 2019)

- **EFCA**

 - 1 EFCA Advisory Board (October 2018)

Year 14 - External Meetings – Some examples

General meetings

- EC Co-ordination meetings between DG MARE and the ACs (Brussels, October 2018);
- EC Seminar on the Digital Tools for Monitoring and Reporting Catches in Small Scale Fisheries (Brussels, December 2018);
- EC Workshop on Circular Design Fishing Gear (Brussels, February 2019);
- STECF EWG - LO joint recommendation evaluation (Dublin, June 2019)

Year 14

Letters, Opinions and Advice 7 submissions

All NWWAC advice and correspondence is available in the publications section of the NWWAC website:

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Letters, Opinions and Advice

Landing Obligation:

- NWWAC Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in NWW after exemptions (November 2018)
- NWAC advice on management measures for West of Scotland Cod (December 2018)
- NWWAC Advice on the European Commission's proposal on the revision of the EU Fisheries Control System (April 2019)
- North Western Waters Choke Species Analysis (September 2019);

Advice on management strategies:

- NWWAC Advice on the Programme of Measures for Skates and Rays (June 2019)

Letters, Opinions and Advice

Responses to EC Consultations:

- NWWAC response to EC Review of the State Aid Framework applicable to the fishery and aquaculture sectors (September 2019).

Advice on Fishing Opportunities:

- Advice on Fishing Opportunities for 2020 (September 2019);

Year 15 (01 October 2019 – 30 September 2020)

Work Programme

The work programme for Year 15 (October 2019 - September 2020) must be submitted to the Commission by 30 September 2019



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Work Programme 2019 - 2020

- Landing obligation
 - Implementation and Advice for 2020
 - Choke Mitigation Tool
 - Technical Measures
 - Policy process under regionalisation (e.g. NWW Member States Group);
- EC Regulations implementation
 - Compliance, Control and enforcement
 - NWW Multi-Annual Plan
 - Technical measures

Work Programme 2019 - 2020

- Improving the quality of scientific and economic data (egWKIrish6);
- ICES – coordination
- Annual setting of TACs
- Future Functioning of the ACs (Brexit follow-up)
- Preparation for the revision of the CFP
- Inter-AC coordination
- Working procedures
 - Finalisation and Adoption of Processes and Procedures,
 - Communications and Outreach (Website update)

Work Programme 2019 - 2020

- Ecosystem & Environment
 - Ecosystem Advice;
 - Climate Change, CO₂ Emissions;
 - **Plastics**, Marine Litter;
 - Biodiversity Loss
 - MPAs / Spatial Planning / Wind Farms & other offshore installations
- Social
 - Labour Supply & Crew Welfare
 - Safety

NWWAC Plenary Meetings

- **February/March 2020 (Madrid);**

Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee.

- **July 2020 (Ghent);**

ICES Advice, Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee.

- **September 2020 (Dublin).**

General Assembly, Executive Committee and Working / Focus groups.

Other meetings in Year 15

4* Focus Groups or Advice Drafting Groups

- Face-to-face (one day duration);
- Web-based (meetings or pre-meetings).

**The number of meetings may change depending on urgency and budget availability*

Other expected meetings with NWWAC participation

- Coordination meetings between DG MARE and the Advisory Councils; Brussels (November 2019);
- Annual Meeting between ICES and the Advisory Councils (MIAC, MIACO) (Copenhagen, January 2020).

Year 15 (1 October 2019 – 30 September 2020)

ADOPTION of the Work Programme



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