

Chairman's Annual Report

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Main areas of Work in Year 10 (I):

■ Landing Obligation

- Cooperation with the NWW Member States group;
- Advice drafting and comments on the joint recommendation;
- Control Agency meetings.

■ CFP Reform

- Regionalisation;
- Role, composition, functioning and funding of the Acs.

■ Data deficiencies

- Collaboration with ICES:
 - Data Compilation and Benchmark workshops;
 - ICES Advice Drafting Groups, WGMARS, MIACO.

Main areas of Work in Year 10 (II)

- **EC consultation responses**

- EU Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2016;
- Multi-annual Management Plan for Western Waters.

- **Management of stocks**

- Sole in the Eastern Channel;
- Channel Scallops;
- Seabass Inter-AC meetings;
- Skates, Rays and sharks.

Other relevant work in Year 10

- **Participation in EU projects (ongoing)**
 - GEPETO (Atlantic Area Programme: 2013-2014);
 - MAREFRAME (FP7: 2014-2017);
 - DAMARA (MARE/2012/22 - LOT1: 2014-2016);
 - GAP2 (FP7: 2011-2014);
 - ACRUNET (FP7: 2013-2014);
 - HORIZON 2020 call on landing obligation (2015-2018).
- **Recruitment of a Deputy Executive Secretary (completed) and a Discards Officer (ongoing)**
- **Production of Video snippets (completed)**

Year 10

28 Meetings of the NWWAC



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Year 10 – NWWAC Meetings (I)

■ 1 General Assembly

- GA/AGM September 2015

■ 4 Executive Committee

- Paris November 2014
- Bilbao April 2015
- Edinburgh July 2015
- Dublin September 2015

■ 3 sets of 4 Working Groups

- Paris November 2014
- Bilbao April 2015
- Edinburgh July 2015

Year 10 – NWWAC Meetings (II)

- **9 Horizontal Working Groups / Focus Groups / Steering Groups**
 - **Discards and the Landing Obligation**
 - 2 Discard plan Drafting Groups (Dublin, January, February 2015)
 - 1 Horizontal Group on the Landing Obligation (Dublin, September)
 - **Nephrops Management (VI and VII)**
 - 1 Focus Group (Paris, November 2014)
 - **Sole in VIId management advice**
 - 2 Focus Groups (Dublin, June, September 2015)
 - **WWMAP EC consultation response**
 - 1 Focus Group (Dublin, September 2015)
 - **ToR Drafting Group for Seabass and Skates and Rays**
 - 1 Focus Group (Dublin, September 2015)
 - **Irish Sea Technical Measures**
 - 1 Focus Group (Dublin, September 2015)

Year 10 – NWWAC Meetings (III)

- **5 other meetings co-hosted by the NWWAC**
 - **DAMARA Project – Coordination and Stakeholder Meeting**
Dublin: November 2014, March 2015;
 - **GAP2 Project Channel Scallops Management Workshop**
Port en Bessin, February 2015;
 - **Presentation of ICES Advice for NWW**
Edinburgh, July 2015;
 - **Joint NWWAC-NSAC-SWWAC Seabass Workshop**
Paris, May 2015.

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External Meetings with NWWAC participation



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External Meetings Y10 (I) – Some examples

Regionalisation – Landing Obligation

■ North Western Waters Member States Group

High Level Group (“Fisheries Directors”) and Technical meetings were held approximately every 2 weeks in the first half of 2015;

The NWWAC Chairman and NWWAC delegates attended **12** meetings.

■ STECF

A delegation of 2-3 NWWAC representatives have regularly attended meetings of STECF EWG on the Implementation of the Landing Obligation.

■ EFCA

One or more AC representatives attended 3 EFCA meetings, including Advisory Board meetings and the symposium on the implementation of the Landing Obligation in Roskilde, Denmark.

External Meetings Y10 (II) – Some examples

- ICES Working Group on Marine Systems – Governance (WGMARS)
Copenhagen, December 2014;
- Annual Meeting between ICES and the ACs (MIACO 2015)
Copenhagen, January 2015;
- ICES Benchmark on the Irish Sea Ecosystem (WKIRISH)
Dublin, September 2015.

External Meetings Y10 (III) – Some examples

- EC Coordination Meetings between DG MARE and ACs
Brussels, November 2014 and June 2015;
- EP Seminar on Fisheries Governance and Biodiversity
Conservation
Brussels, June 2015;
- EC Seminar on the State of European Fish Stocks in 2015
Brussels, July 2015.

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Letters, Opinions and Advice 9 submissions (+2 pending)

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

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Letters, Opinions and Advice

List of documents (I)

1. Response to the request for advice of the NWW Member States Group on the **implementation of the landing obligation** (17/11/2014);
2. Letter on Undulate Ray Management in the Channel (21/11/2014);
3. Letter on Eastern Channel (ICES VIId) Sole – Proposal for a Management Plan (28/11/2014);
4. Advice on Nephrops VII Management for 2015 – Porcupine Bank FU16 (28/11/2014);
5. Joint Letter by North Western Waters and Mediterranean ACs on EC Delegated Act establishing the functioning of the Acs (01/12/2014);

Letters, Opinions and Advice

List of documents (II)

6. Response to EC Proposal of Regulation on Fishing Opportunities for 2015 (14/12/2014);
7. SEABASS Communication between NWWAC and Commission (24/12/2014);
8. DRAFT guidance on the phasing of the landing obligation for demersal species in North Western Waters (29/04/2015);
9. Advice for a management strategy for sole in the Eastern channel (19/06/2015).

Letters, Opinions and Advice

List of documents (III)

Advice in preparation and planned

(to be submitted before the end of the Y10 (i.e. 30 September 2015))

10. Response on EC Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2016;

11. Response on EC Consultation on Western Waters Multi-Annual Plan.

Year 11 (1 October 2015 – 30 September 2016)

Work Programme **FOR ADOPTION**

The NWWAC Work Programme for Year 11 (October 2015 - September 2016) must be submitted to the Commission by 30 September 2015



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Proposed work programme (I)

PRIORITY WORK AREAS IN YEAR 11

- Landing obligation (LO)
 - Implementation 2016;
 - Advice 2017 and beyond;
 - Discard officer.
- Development and implementation of MAPs
- TACs and quotas
- Management measures by species:
Northern Hake, Anglerfish and Megrim, Nephrops, Sole (VIId),
Skates and Rays complex, Seabass

Proposed work programme (II)

GENERIC WORK AREAS FOR YEAR 11

- Improving the quality of scientific and economic data
Irish Sea benchmark – DAMARA – MAREFRAME
- Control and compliance
Technical Measures revision – EFCA
- Regionalisation
- Marine Spatial Planning
- Working procedures
Improving the efficiency of the AC,
Communications and Outreach

Proposed Calendar of Meetings

NWWAC Meetings in Year 11

- Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee
February 2016, CNPMEM Paris;
- ICES Advice, Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee
5-6 or 7 July 2016, Edinburgh;
- General Assembly, Executive Committee and Working / Focus groups
14-15 September 2016, Dublin.

Proposed Calendar of Meetings

NWWAC Focus Groups in Year 11

Estimated funding for **1 Focus Group** (half to one day duration)

Number of Focus Groups might increase depending on budget availability

Other meetings with NWWAC participation (tbc)

- Coordination meeting between DG MARE and ACs
Brussels, Q 4 2015, Q2 2016;
- Annual Meeting between ICES and ACs (MIACO)
Copenhagen, January 2016;
- ICES Irish Sea benchmark meeting
Copenhagen, Q1 2016.

Thank you – Any questions?



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