

# General Assembly

Dublin, 14 September 2016



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# 1. Action points

## Dublin, September 2015

- 1) Following clarification from the Commission, the Secretariat will update the rules of procedures based on the Delegated act and circulate for the approval of the GA by electronic procedure, once complete.
- 2) Decision: Both the annual report of Year 10 and the annual strategic report for Year 11 (i.e. Work Programme including the calendar of meetings) were approved by consensus by the AGM and members of the General Assembly.
- 3) The AC will write to the Member States supporting the NWWAC to request an increase in their annual contribution.

# 1. Action points

- 4) Decision: The AGM and members of the General Assembly fully endorsed the proposed budget for Year 11.
- 5) The Secretariat will instruct the Company Auditors to action the requirements of the Irish Companies Act 2014 to make changes to the Company name should this be required. Requirements of such action will be communicated, as appropriate.

# Chairman's Annual Report

Item 2 General Assembly  
Dublin, 16 September 2016



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# Main areas of Work in Year 11 (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.

## ■ EC consultation responses

- EU Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2017;
- Multi-annual Management Plan for Western Waters.

# Main areas of Work in Year 11 (II)

## ■ Data deficiencies

- Collaboration with ICES:  
ICES Advice Drafting Groups, MIACO.
- Collaboration with Member States:  
Sole survey in the Irish Sea.

## ■ Management of stocks

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

# Other relevant work in Year 11

- **Participation in EU projects (ongoing)**
  - MAREFRAME (FP7: 2014-2017);
  - DAMARA (MARE/2012/22 - LOT1: 2014-2016);
  - 2 applications awaiting decision on funding
  
- **Recruitment (completed)**
  - **Project Development and Communications Manager**
  - **Financial Administrator and Event Manager**

# Year 11

## 36 Meetings of the NWWAC



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# Year 11 – NWWAC Meetings (I)

## ■ 1 General Assembly

- GA/AGM            September 2016

## ■ 3 Executive Committee

- Paris                February 2016
- Edinburgh        July 2016
- Dublin             September 2016

## ■ 7 Working Groups

- Paris                February 2016 – WG1,2,3
- Edinburgh        July 2016 – all WGs

# Year 11 – NWWAC Meetings (II)

- **13 Horizontal Working Groups / Focus Groups / ADGs**
  - **Landing Obligation**
    - 2 Advice Drafting Groups (Webex, February, Dublin, May 2016)
    - 3 Horizontal Groups (Paris, February, Edinburgh, July, Dublin, September)
  - **Seabass Management**
    - 2 Focus Groups (Paris, February, Dublin, September 2016)
    - 1 Advice Drafting Group (Dublin, March 2016)
  - **Sole in Vlld management advice**
    - 1 Focus Group (Webex, November 2015, )
  - **Skates and Rays**
    - 2 Focus Groups (Paris, February, Dublin, September 2016)
  - **Brown Crab**
    - 1 Focus Group (Dublin, September 2016)
  - **TAC Consultations 2016 and 2017**
    - 1 Advice Drafting Group (Webex, July 2016)

# Year 11 – NWWAC Meetings (III)

- **4 other meetings co-hosted by the NWWAC**
  - **Presentation of ICES Advice for NWW**  
Edinburgh, July 2016.
  - **Presentation of the EC proposal on Technical measures**  
Edinburgh, July 2016.
  - **2 Presentations on the development of Marine Protected Areas**  
Edinburgh, July 2016, Dublin, September 2016.

# Year 11

## External Meetings with NWWAC participation



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# External Meetings Y11 (I) – Some examples

## Regionalisation – Landing Obligation

- **North Western Waters Member States Group**

9 Meetings of the High Level Group and Technical Group

4 Member State Workshops

- **STECF**

5-day Workshop on data reporting under the Landing Obligation

- **EFCA**

1 meeting of the EFCA Administrative Board (NWWAC as alternate)

1 meeting of the EFCA Advisory Board (20 September)

# External Meetings Y11 (II) – Some examples

## General meetings

- EC Coordination Meetings between DG MARE and ACs  
Brussels, February 2016;
- EC Seminar on the State of European Fish Stocks in 2017  
Brussels, July 2016;
- ARVI Conference on the Protection of Marine Bottoms and  
Fishing Methods in Vigo, July 2016;
- 2 MareFrame project meetings on the West of Scotland case  
study, by Webex and in Aberdeen.

# Year 11

## Letters, Opinions and Advice 16 submissions

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

[www.nwwac.ca](http://www.nwwac.ca)



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# Letters, Opinions and Advice

## List of documents (I)

### **Landing Obligation:**

- NWW Member State requests (18/12/2015, 29/02/2016)
- EC Annual Report on the implementation of the Landing Obligation (LO) (29/01/2016)
- Advice on the Implementation of the LO in 2017 (13/05/2016)
- Review of the report of the NWW MS Control Expert Group (23/08/2016)

### **Requests for scientific evaluation:**

- Sole in Divisions VIIfg (26/05/2016)
- Alternative management strategies for marginal bycatch quota species under the LO (21/06/2016)
- Recommendation to support the Belgian Fisheries-Science Partnership on sole in the Irish Sea (27/07/2016)



# Letters, Opinions and Advice

## List of documents (II)

### **Responses to EC Consultations:**

- Multi-Annual Plans for Western Waters (08/10/2015)
- Seabass management for 2016 (29/10/2015)

### **Advice for management strategies:**

- Sole in the Eastern channel (16/10/2015 and 08/12/2015)
- *Nephrops* Management for 2016 - Porcupine Bank (01/12/2015)
- Framework advice for Seabass (16/05/2016)

### **Advice on Fishing Opportunities:**

- EC Proposal on Fishing Opportunities for 2016 (08/12/2015)
- EC Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2017 (31/08/2016)

**Year 12** (1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017)

# Work Programme **FOR ADOPTION**

*The NWWAC Work Programme for Year 12 (October 2016 - September 2017) must be submitted to the Commission by 30 September 2016*



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# Proposed work programme (I)

## **PRIORITY WORK AREAS IN YEAR 12**

- Landing obligation (LO)
  - Implementation and Advice for 2018 and beyond;
  - Control and enforcement;
  - Choke species toolbox.
- EC proposals (Technical measures, NWW Multi-Annual Plan)
- TACs and quotas
- Management measures by species:  
Northern Hake, Anglerfish and Megrim, Nephrops, Sole (VIId),  
Skates and Rays complex, Seabass
- Preparation for the revision of the CFP in 2022

# Proposed work programme (II)

## GENERIC WORK AREAS FOR YEAR 12

- Improving the quality of scientific and economic data  
Irish Sea benchmark – MAREFRAME
- Control and compliance  
Technical Measures revision – EFCA – cooperation Control Expert Group
- Regionalisation  
The implications of the UK leaving the EU (Brexit)
- Working procedures  
Improving the efficiency of the AC,  
Communications and Outreach

# Proposed Calendar of Meetings

## **NWWAC Meetings in Year 12**

- Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee  
February/March 2017, *TBD*;
- ICES Advice, Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee  
July 2017, *TBD*;
- General Assembly, Executive Committee and Working / Focus groups  
September 2017, Dublin.

# Proposed Calendar of Meetings

## **NWWAC short meetings in Year 12**

Estimated funding for **4 Focus / Advice Drafting Groups**  
(half to one day duration, webinar or face-to-face)

Number of meetings might change depending on urgency and budget availability

## **Other meetings with NWWAC participation (tbc)**

- Coordination meetings between DG MARE and ACs  
Brussels TBD;
- Annual Meeting between ICES and ACs (MIACO)  
Copenhagen, January 2017;
- ICES Irish Sea benchmark meeting  
Copenhagen, Q1 2017.

**Year 12** (1 October 2016 – 30 September 2017)

# **ADOPTION** of the Work Programme



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# NWWAC Secretariat Financial Report

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# Presentation Overview

- Update on Year 11 accounts
- Proposed Year 12 budget
- Ratification of Year 12 budget

# Year 11 Accounts

Period: 01 October 2015 to 30 September 2016

Update on:

- Income
- Expenditure

# Year 11 - Current Position

## Income

|  | <b>Original Budget<br/>01 October 2015</b> | <b>Actual Income</b> | <b>Outstanding</b>            |
|--|--|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Member States</b>                                       | € 26,400                                   | € 26,400             | € 0                           |
| <b>Commission</b>  | € 250,000                                  | € 200,000            | Balance EU-grant*<br>€ 50,000 |
| <b>Member's Fees + interest<br/>on fees + misc. income</b> | € 56,950                                   | € 57,250             |                               |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>€ 333,350</b>                           | <b>€ 283,650</b>     | <b>€ 50,000</b>               |

\* Commission income is dependant on the total, audited, eligible expenditure.

# Year 11 - Current Position

## Expenditure

|                                | <b>Original Budget<br/>01 October 2015</b> | <b>Actual Expenditure up to<br/>12 September 2016</b> |
|--------------------------------|--|---|
| Staff                          | € 140,096                                  | € 128,032   |
| Fees (Chairman, Audit)         | € 29,500                                   | € 17,366  |
| Operating costs                | € 20,514                                   | € 22,308  |
| Meetings and Information       | € 3,228                                    | € 1,836   |
| Interpretation and Translation | € 41,473                                   | € 56,021  |
| Reimbursements                 | € 98,540                                   | € 69,172  |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>€ 333,350</b>                           | <b>€ 298,834</b>                                      |

# Year 11 – Financial Timeline:

- **13 September 2016**

Amended Year 11 budget provided to the Commission.

- **30 September 2016**

End of Financial Year 11.

- **31 October 2016**

Any final budgetary adjustments between expenditure categories to be notified to the Commission.

- **November 2016**

Company Audit on Year 11 Income and Expenditure.

- **End-November 2016**

Company Audit certificate, along with the final financial and substantive report, to be submitted to the Commission.

# Proposed Budget

Year 12

01 October 2016 – 30 September 2017

# Year 12 – Estimated Income

|                        | <b>Non-Eligible</b> | <b>Eligible</b>  | <b>TOTAL</b>     |
|------------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Member States</b>   | € 80,286            | € 26,400*        | € 106,686        |
| <b>Commission</b>      | € 3,500             | € 300,000        | € 303,500        |
| <b>Membership Fees</b> | € 0                 | € 56,950         | € 56,950         |
| <b>Total</b>           | <b>€ 83,786</b>     | <b>€ 383,350</b> | <b>€ 467,136</b> |

\* Breakdown of Eligible income from Member States:

€ 4,400: Belgium, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Spain and United Kingdom.

# Year 12 – Estimated Expenditure

|                                | <b>Non-Eligible<br/>(contribution<br/>in kind)</b> | <b>Eligible</b>  | <b>TOTAL</b>     |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|
| Staff                          | € 57,168   | € 145,893        | € 203,061        |
| Fees (Chairman, Audit)         | € 0  | € 19,500         | € 19,500         |
| Operating costs                | € 0  | € 17,960         | € 17,960         |
| Meetings                       | € 23,118   | €7,000           | € 30,118         |
| Interpretation and Translation | € 0  | € 69,660         | € 69,660         |
| Reimbursements                 | € 3,500  | € 123,337        | € 126,837        |
| <b>Total</b>                   | <b>€ 83,786</b>                                    | <b>€ 383,350</b> | <b>€ 467,136</b> |



# Year 12 – Financial Timeline

- **09 September 2016**

Budget circulated to the Executive Committee for approval in principle. (email procedure).

- **by 30 September 2016**

Following ratification at this meeting, the Year 12 budget will be submitted to the Commission along with the grant application.

- **October 2016**

Specific Grant Agreement for Year 12 is expected from the Commission.

Any questions?

## Proposal for decision

That the year 12 Budget is approved by the  
General Assembly

# NWWAC Secretariat Report on Membership

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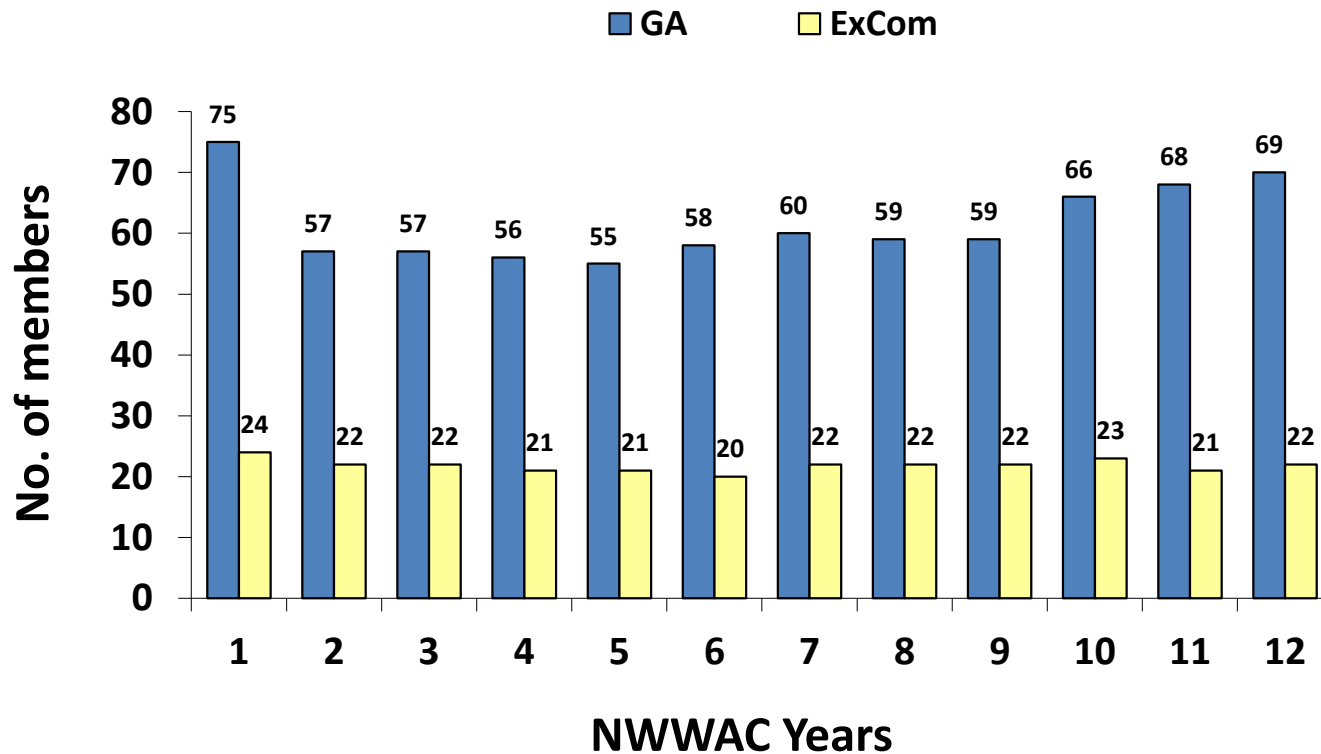
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# Membership Overview

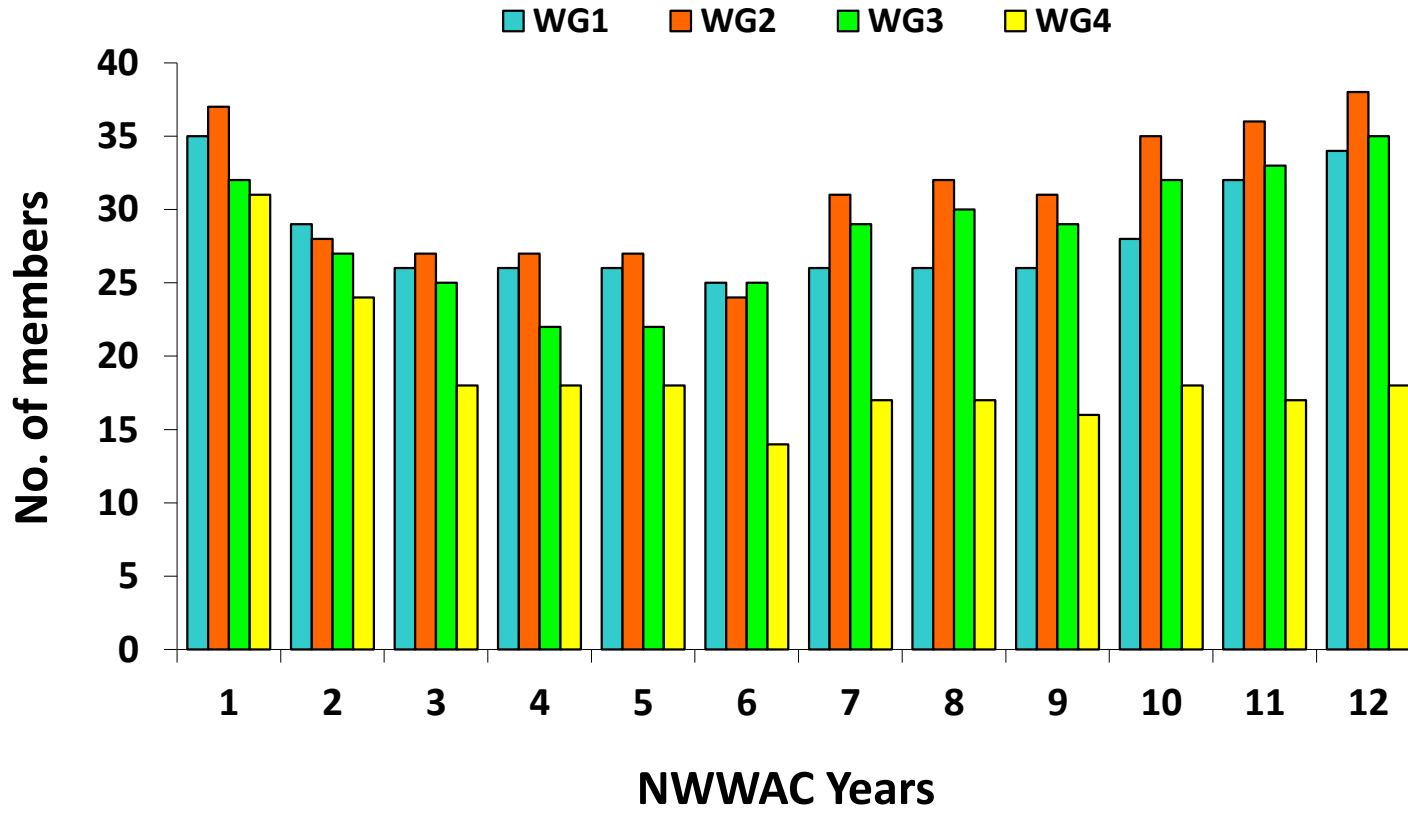
## General Assembly and Executive Committee Years 1 to 12



# Membership Overview

Working Groups

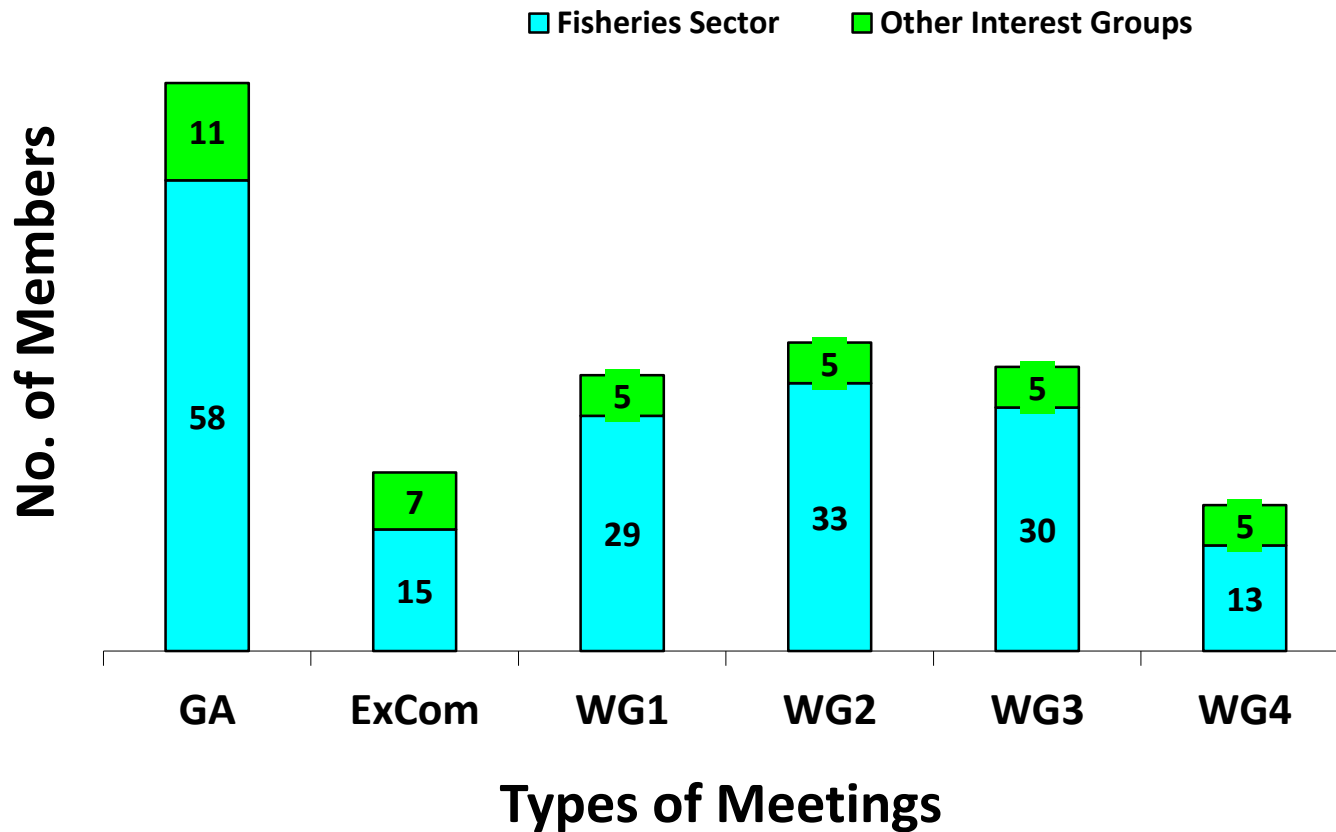
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# Membership Overview

## Meeting Composition by Category

### Year 12



# Executive Committee size and structure

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# ExCom Membership

## CFP 1380/2013

### Preamble 65

[...] Advisory Councils should enable the CFP to benefit from the knowledge and experience of all stakeholders.

### Art 45.1

Advisory Councils shall be composed of:

- (a) organisations representing the fisheries and, where appropriate, aquaculture operators, and representatives of the processing and marketing sectors;
- (b) other interest groups affected by the CFP (e.g. environmental organisations and consumer groups).

# Application process for ExCom

## Commission Delegated Regulation 2015/242

### Art 4.3

*The GA shall appoint an ExCom of **up to 25 members**.*

*After consultation of the Commission, the GA may decide to appoint an ExCom of **up to 30 members** to ensure appropriate representation of small-scale fleets.*

### Art 4.6

*The GA and the ExCom shall ensure a balanced and wide representation of all stakeholders*

# ExCom Composition year 11

|                       | Previous share                     | Current membership |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Share                 | (2/3 : 1/3,<br>or <b>67 : 33</b> ) | <b>(67 : 33)</b>   |
| Fishing Industry      | 16                                 | 14                 |
| Other Interest Groups | 8                                  | 7                  |
| <i><b>Total</b></i>   | <i><b>24</b></i>                   | <i><b>21</b></i>   |

# Applications for ExCom

## Applications Year 12

Rederscentrale VZW (Belgium)

- Agreed by correspondence, July 2016

# Applications for ExCom

## Small-scale fisheries representatives:

New Under Ten Fishermen's Association (NUTFA)

Request in 2014 – all Fisheries industry seats were filled

Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation (IIMRO)

Forwarded to the General Assembly 31 August 2016

# ExCom Composition Year 12

|                       | Previous share                     | Year 12 Membership | Option 25        | Option 30        |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Share                 | (2/3 : 1/3,<br>or <b>67 : 33</b> ) | <b>(68 : 32)</b>   | <b>(60 : 40)</b> | <b>(60 : 40)</b> |
| Fishing Industry      | 16                                 | <b>15</b>          | 15               | 18               |
| Other Interest Groups | 8                                  | 7                  | 10               | 12               |
| <i>Total</i>          | <b>24</b>                          | <b>22</b>          | <b>25</b>        | <b>30</b>        |

# Options

The General Assembly may:

ask the Commission to increase the number of ExCom seats to accommodate (small-scale) Fishing Industry members to “*ensure appropriate representation of small-scale fleets.*”

# ExCom Composition all options

|                       | Year 12<br>22    | Option<br>25     | Option<br>26                  | Option<br>27                  | Option<br>28                  | Option<br>29                  | Option<br>30     |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| Share                 | <b>(68 : 32)</b> | <b>(60 : 40)</b> | (60 : 40)<br><b>(62 : 38)</b> | (60 : 40)<br><b>(59 : 41)</b> | (60 : 40)<br><b>(61 : 39)</b> | (60 : 40)<br><b>(59 : 41)</b> | <b>(60 : 40)</b> |
| Fishing Industry      | <b>15</b>        | <b>15</b>        | <b>16</b>                     | <b>16</b>                     | <b>17</b>                     | <b>17</b>                     | <b>18</b>        |
| Other Interest Groups | <b>7</b>         | <b>10</b>        | <b>10</b>                     | <b>11</b>                     | <b>11</b>                     | <b>12</b>                     | <b>12</b>        |
| <i>Total</i>          | <b>22</b>        | <b>25</b>        | <b>26</b>                     | <b>27</b>                     | <b>28</b>                     | <b>29</b>                     | <b>30</b>        |



# 5. Consequences of the UK referendum

- Present situation and time line
- Ultimate consequences for the NWWAC
- Discussion
- Mandate for ExCom action

# 6. Rules of Procedure

- Update by the Secretariat



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