

# Chairman's Annual Report

Item 2 General Assembly  
Dublin, 14 September 2017



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# Main areas of Work in Year 12 (I):

## ■ **Landing Obligation**

- Implementation and Advice for 2018 and beyond;
- Control and enforcement;
- Collaboration with NWW Member States Group;
- Choke species toolbox.

## ■ **CFP**

- Role, composition, functioning and funding of the ACs.

## ■ **EC consultation responses**

- EU Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2018;
- Multi-annual Management Plan for Western Waters;
- Technical measures.

# Main areas of Work in Year 12 (II)

## ■ Data deficiencies

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

## ■ Management of stocks

- Sole in the Eastern Channel;
- *Nephrops*;
- Skates, Rays and sharks.

# Other relevant work in Year 11

- **Participation in EU projects (ongoing)**
  - MAREFRAME (FP7: 2014-2017);
  - 2 applications awaiting decision on funding
  
- **Recruitment**
  - Deputy Executive Secretary
  - Financial Administrator and Event Manager

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# Year 12

## 31 Meetings of the NWWAC



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# Year 12 – NWWAC Meetings (II)

- **9 Horizontal Working Groups / Focus Groups / ADGs**
  - **Landing Obligation**
    - 2 Advice Drafting Groups (Dublin - January, April, June 2017)
    - 2 Horizontal Groups (Paris, March - Edinburgh, July 2017)
  - **Skates and Rays**
    - 1 Focus Groups (Dublin – November 2016)
  - **Brown Crab**
    - 2 Focus Group (Paris, February - Dublin, September 2017)
  - **Control and Compliance**
    - 2 Focus Group (Dublin - October 2016, January 2017)
  
- **1 Special session on the Functioning of the AC**
  - Dublin, September 2017

# Year 12 – NWWAC Meetings (III)

- **6 other meetings co-hosted by the NWWAC**
  - **Presentation of ICES Advice for NWW**  
Edinburgh, July 2017.
  - **Presentation of the EC proposal on Technical measures**  
Edinburgh, July 2017
  - **2 Choke expert meeting in collaboration with the NWW MS**  
Dublin – June, September 2017
  - **2 Presentations on the development of Marine Protected Areas**  
Paris, February 2017, Edinburgh, July 2017



# Year 12

## External Meetings with NWWAC participation



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# External Meetings Y12 (I) – Some examples

## Regionalisation – Landing Obligation

- **North Western Waters Member States Group**

8 Meetings of the High Level Group and Technical Group

- **Workshops – conferences – symposia on “chokes”**

2 Symposia on choke avoidance measures (Copenhagen, November 2016 – Rome, March 2017)

1 Seafish – Discard Action Group (London, July 2017)

1 EC workshop on skates and Rays (Brussels, May 2017)

- **EFCA**

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

1 meeting of the EFCA Advisory Board (20 September)

# External Meetings Y12 (II) – Some examples

## General meetings

- EC Co-ordination meetings between DG MARE and ACs  
Brussels, December 2016;
- EC Seminar on the State of European Fish Stocks in 2018  
Brussels, September 2017;
- 2 MareFrame project meetings on the West of Scotland case study, by Webex and in Copenhagen;
- EP meeting on technical conservation measures, Brexit and the Functioning of the ACs in Brussels, January, June and July 2017.

# Year 12

## Letters, Opinions and Advice 18 submissions

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

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



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# Letters, Opinions and Advice

## List of documents (I)

### **Landing Obligation:**

- EC Annual Report on the implementation of the Landing Obligation (LO) (30/01/2017)
- Advice on the Implementation of the LO for 2018 (27/01/2017 and 5/05/2017)
- Recommendations on the report of the NWW MS Control Expert Group (02/12/2016)
- Specific issues relating to the implementation of the Control Regulation (7/04/2017)
- Report on the Celtic Sea Choke analysis (Sept. 2017)

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

- Haddock in the Celtic Sea (Sept. 2017)

# Letters, Opinions and Advice

## List of documents (II)

### **Responses to EC and EP Consultations:**

- Feedback on the delegated act on the functioning of the ACs (07/06/2017)
- Letter to EP on Technical Conservation Framework Regulation (20/03/2017)
- Data collection and assessment for brown crab (27/06/2017)
- Response to EC on eel management (In progress Sept. 2017)

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

- Sole in the Eastern channel (29/11/2016 and Sept. 2017 in preparation)
- *Nephrops* Management for 2017 - Porcupine Bank (30/11/2016)
- Skates and Rays (24/03/2017)

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## List of documents (II)

### **Advice for marine protected areas:**

- UK informal consultation for 12 MPAs (30/03/2017)
- Response to 8 UK MPA proposals (20/04/2017)

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

- EC Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2018 (15/09/2017)

**Year 13** (1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018)

# Work Programme **FOR ADOPTION**

*The NWWAC Work Programme for Year 13 (October 2017 - September 2018) must be submitted to the Commission by 30 September 2017*



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# Proposed work programme (I)

## PRIORITY WORK AREAS IN YEAR 13

- Landing obligation (LO)
  - Implementation and Advice for 2019;
  - Control and enforcement;
  - Choke Mitigation Tool.
- EC proposals (Technical measures, NWW Multi-Annual Plan)
- TACs and quotas
- Management measures by species:  
Northern Hake, Anglerfish and Megrin, Nephrops, Sole (VIId), Skates and Rays complex, Seabass, scallops, brown crab, etc.
- 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 – ICES ADG
- Control and compliance  
Technical Measures revision – EFCA – cooperation Control  
Expert Group
- Regionalisation
- 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 2018, Madrid?;
- ICES Advice, Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee  
July 2018, *TBD*;
- General Assembly, Executive Committee and Working / Focus groups  
**12 to 14 September 2018**, Dublin.

# Proposed Calendar of Meetings

## **NWWAC short meetings in Year 13**

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, 18 and 19 January 2018;
- ICES Irish Sea benchmark meeting  
Copenhagen, Q1 2018.

**Year 13** (1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018)

# **ADOPTION** of the Work Programme



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Thank you – Any questions?



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