



# DEVELOPING A WORKPLAN IN THE NORTH SEA ADVISORY COUNCIL

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# Finding consensus on fisheries policy isn't easy!

Different Opinions

stakeholder

FISHERMEN



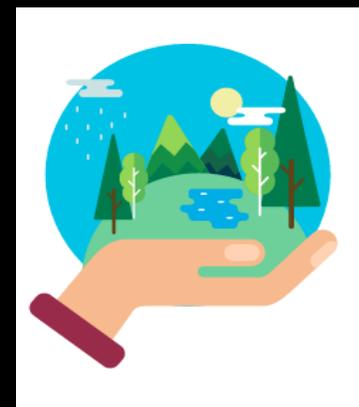
Continue operating their business



**KEEP CALM AND FIND THE COMMON GROUND**

and find a logical way

NGO'S



Reduce unwanted mortality

# Agree the rules of engagement

## Reinventing the NSAC

- ◆ Review and agree statutes → Feb 2018
- ◆ Review and agree rules of procedure → Nov 2019
- ◆ Have transparent chair selection process → Aug 2019



Opportunity to have a strategic discussion on the functioning of the AC



# Representation of all stakeholders



- The NSAC will continue to give advice of the highest possible quality, declining to give opinionated, quick and dirty input on short notice to suit a political appetite.
- The chairman should at all times refrain from giving a partisan view when representing the AC. Making it clear to the world that the AC is a diverse stakeholder body where all opinions count but we base our advice on consensus.
- Change the status of the vice chairs so that when the chair comes from industry the 1<sup>st</sup> vice chair comes from the OIG and vice versa an industry 1<sup>st</sup> vice-chair if the ExCom chair is an OIG representative.
- Endeavour to have dual representation in all meetings where the AC is invited, it should be clear to all parties that an invitation to the AC will be interpreted as coming from at least two representatives.

# Communication with management bodies



- Developed a MoU with the regional groups to facilitate coordination and cooperation after the CFP reform in 2013. The AC will revisit this MoU and see which additional agreement is needed to improve working relationships
- Active communication with the EC officials and Scheveningen group to ensure the relation remains positive but also to effectively manage expectations both ways.
- Assess the possibilities to engage the European Parliament by, for example, presenting our advice to the PECH committee meetings
- Assess the performance review the LDAC did and assess if this should be done to look at the effectiveness of the NSAC advice over the past 10 years. Should the AC choose to carry out a performance review this will be the basis for a conversation with the EC and regional groups on potential improvements.



# Cooperation with other ACs



- The NSAC will make cooperation with other ACs a part of the strategic annual plan outlining specific activities like organising joint workshops and identifying possibilities for joint advice
- Actively share ToR's (Terms of Reference) on relevant advice subjects with other ACs inviting them to participate in the drafting process.
- The chairman will have an active role in approaching other AC-chairs in setting up cooperation and gathering information on what other ACs are doing.

# Smooth transition after Brexit

- Keep an active dialogue with all Brexit partners, asking for clarification and providing input where needed in the run up to Brexit.
- Endeavour to keep an active working relationship with the former AC-members from the UK, potentially including financial compensation for AC attendance.
- After Brexit take an active role (together with the LDAC and the PelAC?) in preparing for a new relationship with all partners around the North Sea to come to a new stakeholder forum.
- The AC chairman needs to ensure the AC is heard and that all AC members are informed about developments and that they have a chance to input.



# Thank You



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