



## **WORK PROGRAMME FOR NWWAC**

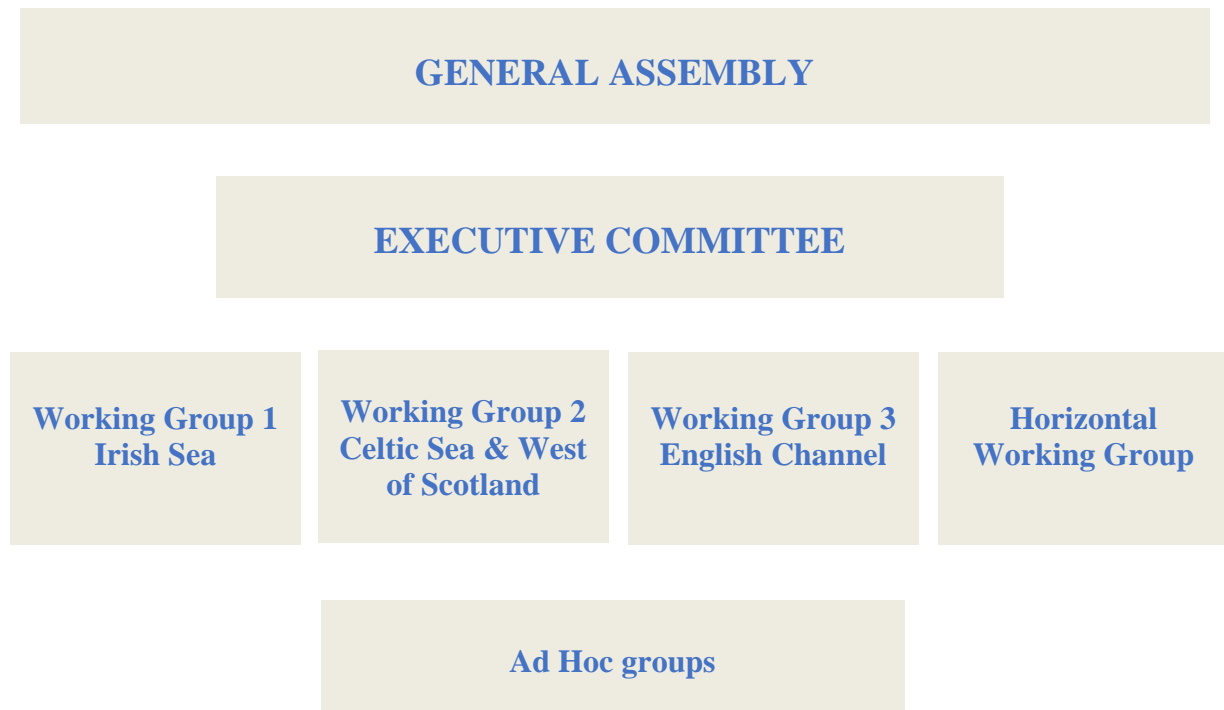
**Period: 01/10/2022 to 09/30/23**

### **Background**

The North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council (NWWAC) was established in accordance with Commission Decision 2005/668/EC on the 22 September 2005 as one of the seven Regional Advisory Councils, proposed under Council Decision 2004/585/EC, establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the Common Fisheries Policy.

With the entry into force of Regulation (EU) No 1380/2013, on the Common Fisheries Policy (henceforth, “CFP”), on the 1st of January 2014 the Regional Advisory Councils changed to Advisory Councils (ACs). The advisory role of the ACs was also enhanced as a constituent part of this change.

The NWWAC’s current structure includes:



At time of writing, the NWWAC has 44 members with 39 representing fisheries organisations from five Member States (Belgium, France, Ireland, Spain and The Netherlands), as well as five organisations representing other interest groups, for example with environmental or recreational fishing interests.

There are 25 seats on the NWWAC Executive Committee, 15 or industry representative organisations and 10 for Other Interest Group organisations.

Seats in the industry college are allocated as follows:

- 2 Belgium
- 3 France
- 3 Ireland
- 2 Spain
- 2 The Netherlands
- 3 Other industry representative organisations with a wider European remit, for example the European Transport Federation or AIPCE CEP (European Fish Processors Association)

At the time of writing, one seat is vacant in the “other industry” category, and 7 seats are vacant in the OIG college. The NWWAC embarked on a strategic membership drive in Spring 2022 with a vision to increase its membership number across both colleges and in particular to attract NGOs into joining the GA as well as the ExCom. This will hopefully result in an increase in membership numbers in the near future.

In line with the requirements of Commission Delegated Regulation 2022/204 amending Delegated Regulation 2015/242 (OJ L 34, 16/2/22) EC which came into force on 08 March 2022, at the time of writing the NWWAC is in the process of contracting a service provider for the carrying out of an external performance review in Year 18.

### **Mission and objectives of the NWWAC**

The NWWAC's mission is to contribute to the achievement of the objectives of the Common Fisheries Policy as described in Art. 2 of 1380/2013 as in effect at any given time and in particular to advise the Commission and the Member States on matters of fisheries management in respect of the North Western Waters. This advice (recommendations and suggestions) will incorporate the social, economic and environmental dimensions of fisheries as well as the Ecosystem Based Approach and Precautionary Approach to management and will be prepared with the general aim of attaining sustainable fisheries management.

The principal aim of the North Western Waters Advisory Council is to bring together European stakeholders (fishers, representatives of producers' organisations, environmental NGOs, recreational fishers, processors and consumers, amongst others) to provide advice to the European Commission and the Member States, in order to achieve the sustainable exploitation of the fish stocks within the geographical remit of the NWWAC as identified in (EU) No 1380/2013.

The advice produced by the NWWAC is directed by the objectives of the CFP. The NWWAC also addresses topics for advice on environmental, economic and social management of fisheries in the wider context of all EU policies.

Given the mixed nature of the fisheries within the geographical remit of the NWWAC, the development of sustainable fisheries management options for the short and long term will remain the foundation for advice. The objectives articulated in the Marine Strategy Framework Directive will also be taken into account, as well as the European Green Deal and its related strategies.

## NWWAC WORK PRIORITIES

### Overarching long term and short term work priorities (at least 3 priorities)

#### **Commission report on the CFP**

Article 49 (Review) of Regulation (EU) 1380/2013 on the Common Fisheries Policy, provides that by 31 December 2022 'the Commission shall report to the European Parliament and to the Council on the functioning of the CFP'. The NWWAC provided a consensus response to the Commission's public consultation in Year 17, and will continue its discussions on a range of appropriate topics including, *inter alia*, targets for fisheries management in North Western Waters; the requirement for appropriate management measures to reach these goals; the composition, functioning and funding of the Advisory Council; etc. In order to be able to provide timely and relevant advice, the AC will combine information from (ongoing) scientific projects and other relevant sources where appropriate.

In Year 17 the NWWAC actively participated in the follow-up of the consultation, such as the stakeholder event organised by the Commission in June 2022. In Year 18 the NWWAC will continue to monitor developments regarding this work and contribute as and when required.

#### **Landing obligation (LO)**

In Year 17 the NWWAC launched the updated version of its Choke Identification Tool (CIdT) to better reflect the changes following Brexit. The CIdT provides useful information in support of the management of shared stocks with the United Kingdom following its full exit from the EU.

During Year 18 the NWWAC will continue its collaboration with both the NWW Member States Group and the European Commission utilising the CIdT to address potential mitigation actions required in fisheries subject to the landing obligation in all the sub-regional areas of the North Western Waters. This tool will provide the basis and direction for much of the NWWAC's work.

In Year 15, the NWWAC established its Focus Group Landing Obligation with the objective of examining and discussing the CFP objectives of the LO as well as observing developments regarding related topics, such as the discard plans and the technical measures. In addition, the NWWAC will include the LO in the agendas of internal meetings (e.g., working groups and advice drafting groups) as well as in the agendas of meetings with scientists, the Commission and the NWW Member States Group to find solutions for stocks for which the implementation of the LO represents major challenges.

Following from the successful joint workshop in Year 15 between the NWWAC, EFCA and the NWW Control Expert Group on monitoring, control and enforcement of the Landing Obligation, the NWWAC continued its engagement by organising two meetings during Year 16. A meeting was held with EFCA, DG MARE and the NWW MS Control Expert Group on Article 27 of the Technical Measures Regulation, which deals with catch composition and mesh sizes, in relation to Article 15 of the CFP. In Year 18 the NWWAC intends to organise a joint workshop with EFCA on the Landing Obligation Compliance Evaluation and continue its information exchange regarding developments relating to EFCA's Virtual Co-ordination Network. The information provided during all the above-mentioned meetings and the exchanges between NWWAC members, EFCA, the Commission and the NWW Control Expert Group is highly valuable to our members, and the AC will continue these exchanges in Year 18.

Given that the Discard Plan 2021 - 2023 is coming to end in 2023, the NWWAC is going to evaluate the current provisions and make recommendations regarding a follow-up.

## **Technical measures**

The NWWAC will continue to provide advice on technical measures, specifically in the context of the full implementation of Regulation EU 2019/1241. This includes the definition of Directed Fisheries. The NWWAC will monitor and incorporate in its advice, where possible, relevant research to improve selectivity and reduce unwanted catches. Also, in Year 18 the NWWAC will continue its collaboration with the NWW Member States Group and scientists. This will allow fishing industry and scientists alike to learn about best practices and avoid duplication.

An important aspect in this is the Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA) between the EU and the UK, specifically the work of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries. The NWWAC is ready to provide competent advice on all topics related to fisheries management in its remit area and on all items relevant to joint stock management.

## **Non-quota species**

For the management of fisheries on non-quota species, both the EU multi-annual plan for fisheries in the Western Waters (WW MAP) and the TCA are relevant. Such stocks have been under the attention of the NWWAC for a long time.

This includes the establishment in previous years of dedicated Focus Groups on the management of the following stocks:

- Seabass: As in previous years, Inter-AC dialogue will continue to assist the development of recommendations on specific management and technical measures for the stock concerned. Collaboration with the North Sea AC will remain an objective.
- Scallops: In Year 15 the NWWAC set up a Focus Group on Scallops. In Year 16 this group discussed and agreed for the NWWAC to support the joint recommendation on a regional management plan for King Scallop stocks in the English Channel as proposed by the NWW Member States Group. The work of this Focus Groups will continue in Year 18 aiming to produce further advice on this topic.
- Whelk: In Year 16, the NWWAC set up a Focus Group on Whelk aiming at discussing and providing advice on the management of this resource in the Channel. This group has worked in collaboration with UK industry representatives to identify a common approach to the management of whelk fisheries in the Channel and to prepare NWWAC advice on this subject. In Year 18, further collaboration with UK counterparts will be evaluated.
- Brown Crab: As a result of the work of a former NWWAC Focus Group in Year 16, a joint Focus Group was set up with the North Sea AC and the Market AC delivering advice in Year 17. Due to noticeable impacts on the stock from fishing effort as well as disease, this work will continue in Year 18.

Recognising the importance of targeted fisheries on several non-TAC stocks in the area, the NWWAC will continue to identify the necessity to provide advice that contributes to the sustainable management of these fisheries especially in light of the EU-UK negotiations.

Relevant scientific experts and representatives from national and EU administrations, along with the STECF evaluation of proposals, will greatly enhance the structure of these meetings.

## **WW Multi-Annual Plan**

According to Regulation (EU) 2019/472, the Commission is required to report by 27 March 2024, and every five years thereafter, to the European Parliament and to the Council on the results and impact of the plan on the stocks to which the Regulation applies, and on the fisheries exploiting those stocks, in particular as regards the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 3. In line with the Commission's commitment, the NWWAC stands

ready to review the current MAP in order to contribute to the Commission's review and feed into the reporting and evaluation.

## **TACs and quotas**

As in previous years, the NWWAC will produce advice on this important topic following the presentation of the ICES advice at its July meetings. The timing of this advice is dependent on the processes developed and agreed as part of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement and the EU-UK consultations on the management of joint stocks, including the work of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries. The NWWAC will follow the procedures as identified by the European Commission.

This advice will provide the NWWAC opinion on a number of subject areas, including a review of the state of stocks, the application of MSY, and multi-species considerations in the context of shared stock management with the UK. The implications of the Landing Obligation and the mitigation of choke risks will receive significant attention as in previous years.

The NWWAC advice on TACs and quotas will be submitted in sufficient time to inform all relevant discussions between the EU and the UK leading to the Commission's proposal to the Council for the Regulation on Fishing Opportunities for species in Atlantic waters in 2024.

As in previous years, a number of specific requests may also be submitted to the Commission and concerned Member States for some stocks in response to a specific advice request or when identified by members of the NWWAC following the latest scientific developments. If required and in accordance with available resources and budget, the NWWAC will organise specific Focus Groups or Advice Drafting Groups to develop the advice, as is already the case for skates & rays.

- Skates & Rays: In Year 15 the NWWAC and North Sea AC set up a joint Focus Group on Skates and Rays to prepare advice on a harmonised management approach to the respective Member States Groups. In Year 16 and 17 this group updated the NWWAC and NSAC best management advice to these Member States Groups and identified additional areas of importance for its work and contributed to the Terms of Reference for the STECF EWG set up in Q2 of 2022. The Focus Group will continue its important work in Year 18 specifically also in relation to conclusions reached in several research projects carried out in several Member States and by STECF.

## **Impact of the EU-UK TCA**

The NWWAC will continue to monitor the functionalities and consequences of the EU-UK TCA, both in respect of the activities in the relevant area and of the functioning of the ACs themselves. The NWWAC joined forces with the AAC, PelAC, MAC, NSAC and LDAC in Year 17 in the "Inter-AC Brexit Forum" with the aim to discuss and develop joint advice to the European Commission and Member States on Brexit-related matters commonly affecting these ACs impacted by Brexit, as well as providing structured input to relevant horizontal agenda items discussed in the Specialised Committee on Fisheries (SCF) between the EU and UK.

## **Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management**

The NWWAC Work Programme includes the implementation of the ecosystem approach in the North Western Waters by promoting the development of monitoring programmes and conservation measures. The NWWAC work will focus on three key elements:

- Promoting understanding and acceptance by all stakeholders of the ecosystem approach to the management of human activities (e.g., marine litter, underwater noise), and improving communication among various management authorities in the NWW;

- Acting as a point of contact between policy makers and AC stakeholders in order to facilitate consultation for the designation and management of: Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems, Natura 2000, OSPAR and national marine offshore sites (i.e., MCZ, etc.), where fishing activity by EU vessels takes place in North Western Waters. The NWWAC wishes to contribute to the meetings of the NWW Member States subgroup on Article 11, dealing with conservation measures necessary for compliance with obligations under the EU environmental legislation (e.g., Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)).
  - Identify and prioritise the needs for the NWWAC members to protect sensitive species and habitats.
- Irish Sea benchmark

Since its establishment in 2014, the ICES Benchmark Workshop on the impact of ecosystem and environmental drivers on Irish Sea fisheries management (WKIrish) has been of great interest to the NWWAC as this workshop not only focussed on the improvement of single species assessments, but aimed to incorporate a mixed fisheries model, to develop the integration of ecosystem aspects and to work towards an integrated assessment and advice for this region.

Following its conclusion with the 6<sup>th</sup> workshop, the members of the ICES working group as well as the NWWAC members continued to work with the results and joined together in a virtual workshop organised by the NWWAC in April 2021. The results from this discussion subsequently were included in several NWWAC advice submissions. The NWWAC will continue exploring additional routes for utilising the expertise and experience from WKIrish, for example in relation to the Celtic Sea via participation in Mission Atlantic, an EU-funded project that will map and assess the present and future status of Atlantic marine ecosystems under the influence of climate change and exploitation.

- Seawise

In Year 17, the NWWAC joined the SEAwise project and will continue supporting this project by co-organising workshops as needed as well as providing input via written procedures in Year 18.

SEAwise is an international project paving the way for the implementation of Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) in Europe. Through a targeted programme of interdisciplinary research led by a collaborative network of partners, together with the input of key fisheries stakeholders, SEAwise aims to deliver a fully operational tool that will allow fishers, managers, and policy makers to easily apply EBFM structures in their own fisheries.

The first stakeholder workshop of this project was coordinated and supported by the NWWAC during Year 17 in January 2022. The next stakeholder workshop is envisaged during Year 18 in January 2023 and the NWWAC will again support the project in organising this event.

## Environment

In 2019, the European Commission published the Green Deal which recognises that climate change and environmental degradation are an existential threat to Europe and the world and proposes new strategies to overcome those challenges. Recognising the influence of environmental policies on fisheries management in the European Union and acknowledging the inter-connectedness of fisheries management and specific and non-specific marine environmental issues, the NWWAC decided in Year 16 to include work on wider environmental issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss, marine plastics, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, impact of seismic activities on fish stocks.

The Focus Group Climate Change and Environment is identifying and examining the AC's needs in developing advice related to climate and environmental initiatives promoted and adopted by the Commission in the context of the EU Green Deal. These include:

- the EU Farm to Fork Strategy,
- EU Biodiversity Strategy, including the Action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems,

- the new approach for a Sustainable Blue Economy in the EU,

as well as any DG MARE initiative relating to the implementation of the relevant Sustainable Development Goals, whilst also tracking the IUCN and FAO initiatives in this respect. A relevant topic in this respect is the discussion around 30% protection of the ocean area and strict protection of 10%. The importance of these issues regarding fisheries management is becoming ever clearer and the NWWAC will continue to include work on these in its work programme for Year 18 via its Focus Group Climate and Environment.

In Year 15, the NWWAC and Pelagic AC set up a joint Focus Group on impacts from seismic activities and offshore wind energy developments with a view to developing specific research questions for an ICES Special Request Advice on the impact of seismic activities on fish stocks and marine ecosystems in the relevant sea basins taking into account previous AC requests to the Commission. This work continued during Year 16, and in Year 17 the NWWAC and PelAC jointly organised a successful virtual workshop following up on its 2020 submissions and developing additional joint advice. NWWAC members believe there is a continued and urgent need to address these important topics and will continue their work analysing and addressing these throughout Year 18.

### **Social Aspects**

Over the past years there has been an increasing difficulty to fill vacancies in the seafood sector with qualified employees, and specifically in the catching sector. In Year 17 the NWWAC established a joint Focus Group Social Aspects with the NSAC and agreed Terms of References which include an analysis of the causes of this specific issue. With the number of jobs depending on the fisheries sector declining in the majority of the coastal areas, some coastal communities are at risk of not being viable in the future. The NWWAC recognises that social sustainability is intrinsically linked with environmental and economic sustainability and will continue exploring relevant aspects in Year 18 in order to develop advice based on best practice.

### **Control and compliance**

The NWWAC will continue to follow the operational activities of the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) in Areas 6 and 7 and will participate in Advisory Boards and other Monitoring, Control and Compliance fora, when invited.

As already mentioned above there is an active Focus Group on Control and Compliance in the NWWAC with the objective of preparing further advice on all relevant monitoring, control and enforcement measures. The review of the Control Regulation which in Year 17 has moved into trialogue level to conclude the approval of the new Regulation is at the core of the work of this Focus Group. It is expected that in Year 18 the new regulation will be in place and the NWWAC will analyse the need for advice around its implementation.

### **Overall follow-up of achievement of the CFP objectives**

The continued dialogue with the Commission at NWWAC and Inter-AC meetings in Year 18 will contribute to the NWWAC work on all of the above topics in Year 18.

The NWWAC will also remain at the forefront of organising events when required, where useful and preferable, in collaboration with other ACs.

## **Work priorities identified for each Working Group and Focus Group (where available)**

### **Working Group 1 – Irish Sea:**

- TACs& Quotas
- Technical Measures
- Choke Mitigation Tool
- Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management

### **Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland:**

- TACs& Quotas
- Technical Measures
- Choke Mitigation Tool
- Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management

### **Working Group 3 – English Channel:**

- TACs& Quotas
- Technical Measures
- Choke Mitigation Tool
- Non-quota species via relevant Focus Groups

### **Working Group 4 – Horizontal:**

- Functioning of the CFP
- Landing Obligation
- Other CFP Objectives and impact of the EU-UK TCA
- Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management
- Environmental aspects relating to fisheries in the NWW, including the EU Farm to Fork Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy etc.
- Social Aspects
- Control & Compliance
- Overall follow-up of achievement of the CFP objectives

## **Focus Groups**

### **Focus Group Landing Obligation**

- support the Horizontal Working Group in drafting advice on topics such as discard plans, choke risk, fishing opportunities and technical measures, when the task demands specific focus and effort.

### **Focus Group Whelk**



- prepare advice to the European Commission on the measures to take in commercial fisheries to manage the whelk stock in the Channel

#### **Focus Group Scallop**

- analyse and give advice on the joint management plan for the Eastern Channel in preparation by the NWW Member States Group
- follow the latest scientific developments and will act as the forum where findings from relevant research projects can be presented and discussed

#### **Focus Group Sea bass**

- prepare advice to the European Commission on the measures to take in 2023 in both commercial and recreational fisheries to aid the recovery of sea bass stocks in the North Western Waters.

#### **Focus Group Brown Crab**

- Management measures for Brown Crab in the NWW and North Sea

#### **Focus Group Skates & Rays**

- respond to the specific request from the Member States
- to address ongoing issues regarding the management of skates and rays
- to address issues arising within the advisory process

#### **Focus Group Climate & Environment**

- identify and examine the NWWAC needs in developing related advice to ongoing issues such as EU Farm to Fork Strategy, EU Biodiversity Strategy, Blue Economy and more

#### **Focus Group Social Aspects**

- Develop advice to the European Commission and Members States on social aspects relating to fisheries in the NWW/ North Sea
- Develop advice on gender equality in the wider seafood sector
- Develop advice on the socio-economic viability of communities and promotion of cooperation/collaboration between stakeholders
- Identify ways of addressing all three sustainability pillars in future NWWAC/NSAC advice in an effort to achieve economic, environmental and social objectives
- Develop advice on related issues should an urgent crisis arise

#### **Focus Group Control & Compliance**

- Provide advice on the control, implementation and enforcement of the landing obligation including examining the use of Remote Electronic Monitoring and other options as a means of implementation.
- Provide advice on the risk-based analyses relevant to the landing obligation and how risk categories should be defined taking into account the different types of vessels fleet segments and fisheries.
- Advice on other relevant control and compliance issues that may arise.

**Other issues of interest:**

- Cooperation with NWW Member States
- Involvement and integration into the new EU-UK framework of fisheries management
- Cooperation with scientists (Improving the quality of scientific and economic data)
- Collaboration with other ACs
- NWWAC membership drive
- NWWAC Fisheries Management WebGIS online tool
- NWWAC Fisheries Management Chart 2023 (print version)

**Other issues of interest if any:****Planned recommendations for year 18:**

<b>No</b>	<b>Issue/subject</b>	<b>Link with the CFP</b>	<b>WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation</b>	<b>Planned date of adoption (if available)</b>
1	Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in the NWW after exemptions	Article 2, 14, 15	WG1, WG2, WG3	December 2022
2	Advice following the finalisation of the Discard Plan 2021 – 2023	Article 2, 14, 15\le	Focus Group Landing Obligation	May 2023
3	Advice following the Joint workshop on the Landing Obligation Compliance Evaluation in relation to CFP evaluation	Article 2, 14, 15	Focus Group Landing Obligation	March 2023
4	Advice on the implementation of the EU Technical Measures Regulation, including directed fisheries definition	Article 2, 10	Horizontal Working Group	June 2023
5	Advice on Technical Measures as a topic in the execution of the TCA	Article 2	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	July 2023
6	Advice on management measures for sea bass 2023	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Sea bass	November 2022
7	Advice on the management of Brown Crab	Article 2	Focus Group Brown Crab	June 2023
8	Advice on the management of Scallops	Article 2	Focus Group Scallops	June 2023
9	Advice on the management of Whelks	Article 2	Focus Group Whelks	April 2023
10	Advice on Fishing Opportunities 2024	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	WG1, WG2, WG3	July 2023
11	Advice on the management of skates & rays	Article 2, 10, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Skates & Rays	November 2022
12	Advice relating to SCF issues: technical measures, non-quota species etc.	Article 2, 14, 15	Horizontal WG	December 2022
13	Advice related to climate & environment topics, e.g., EU Biodiversity Strategy, EU Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy	Article 2	Focus Group Climate & Environment	January 2023

14	Advice on social aspects related to fisheries in the NWW	Article 2	Focus Group Social Aspects	February 2023
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### Planned participation to Commission public consultations

Topic/subject	Link with the CFP	Deadline for the EU Survey (if available)	Planned date for adoption (if available)

The North Western Waters AC will monitor the Commission's online "Have Your Say" portal on a regular basis and respond to the relevant consultations where needed.

### NWWAC planning of meetings

#### NWWAC PLANNING OF MEETINGS (from 01/10/2022 to 30/09/2023)

No	Date (for the first 6 months, please provide precise dates)	Topics /subjects of meeting	Type of meeting (physical/ planned/ hybrid)	European Commission participation requested (yes/no)	If Commission participation requested, specific issues to be dealt with	Priority for a Commission participation (from 1 to 4) (1= highest priority)
1	10 October 2022	Focus Group Sea bass	virtual	yes	Sea bass advice for fishing opportunities 2023, catch allocation tool, EU-UK harmonisation	1
2	13 October 2022	Focus Group Landing Obligation	physical	no		
3	18 October 2022	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
4	24 October 2022	Focus Group Whelk	virtual	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-04	1
5	28 October 2022	Focus Group Brown Crab	virtual	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-04	1
6	01 November 2022	Focus Group Climate & Environment	virtual	no		
7	07 November 2022	Focus Group Scallop	virtual	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-04	
8	24 November 2022	Focus Group Skates & Rays	physical	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-08	1
9	30 November 2022	Focus Group Sea bass	virtual	no		
10	16 December 2022	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		

11	10 January 2023	Focus Group Brown Crab	virtual	no		
12	31 January 2023	Focus Group Control	virtual	no		
13	08 February 2023	Focus Group Climate & Environment	virtual	no		
14	22 February 2023	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
15	13 March 2023	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023	1
16	13 March 2023	Working Group 3 English Channel	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023, non-quota species	1
17	14 March 2023	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023	1
18	14 March 2023	Horizontal Working Group	hybrid	yes	TCA & SCF, UK Technical Measures, EU public consultation Protecting the seabed from bottom trawling by fishing vessels	1
19	15 March 2023	Executive Committee	hybrid	yes	Dialogue with DG MARE: Overview on ongoing dossiers and upcoming advice requests; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2024,	1
20	03 July 2023	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	hybrid	yes	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	1
21	03 July 2023	Working Group 3 English Channel	hybrid	yes	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	1
22	04 July 2023	Horizontal Working Group	hybrid	yes	depending on the topics discussed a DG MARE expert will be requested	1
23	04 July 2023	General Assembly	Hybrid	no		
24	04 July	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	hybrid	yes	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	1
25	05 July 2023	Executive Committee	hybrid	yes	Dialogue with the Commission and Member States; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2024	1
26	21 September 2023	Horizontal Working Group	virtual	yes	depending on the topics discussed a DG MARE expert will be requested	1
27	21 September 2023	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	virtual	yes	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non-quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	1

<b>28</b>	22 September 2023	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	virtual	yes	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	1
<b>29</b>	22 September 2023	Working Group 3 English Channel	virtual	yes	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	1
<b>30</b>	23 September 2023	Executive Committee	virtual	yes	Dialogue with DG MARE: Overview on ongoing dossiers and upcoming advice requests; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2024	1
<b>31</b>	23 September 2023	General Assembly	virtual	no		