

MINUTES

Focus Group Control & Compliance

Virtual meeting Wednesday 14 December 2022, 14:00 - 14:30 CET

1. Welcome and introductions

The Secretariat welcomed all participants to the meeting. No apologies were received in advance of the meeting and the agenda was adopted as drafted.

2. Election of Chair

Members agreed to postpone this decision to the next meeting.

3. Discussion on Terms of Reference

Members discussed the Terms of Reference drafted by the Secretariat. Changes were made directly on the document.

ACTION: The Secretariat will get in touch with EFCA and invite them to the next FG meeting to discuss the possibility of a webinar/workshop on the report evaluating compliance with the Landing Obligation.

It was agreed that minutes from the last EFCA Seminar on the Five Year Evaluation for 2017-2021 should be considered, since relevant topics were discussed, such as weighting of catches and REM.

Overall, members agreed to keep a broad scope in the objective of this FG to allow for flexibility in its work, as it is still not clear what will be included in the revised Control Regulation.

4. NSAC workshop on the Landing Obligation

The Secretariat mentioned the workshop on the Landing Obligation organised by the NSAC on 17-18 January (in person only). The content and outputs of the workshop could provide interesting points for discussion in this Focus Group.

Anais Mourtada will be attending the workshop and report back to the Focus Group. She will also mention the issue of Article 27 of the Technical Measures Regulation in relation to the obligation to land all catches. The Secretariat will get in touch with her should any preparation/explanation be needed before the meeting. Rederscentrale is also planning to attend the workshop.

5. Next steps & closing of the meeting

It was agreed that the Focus Group needs more members to ensure the complexity of fisheries control issues is addressed properly.

ACTION: The Secretariat will share the updated Terms of Reference with the Horizontal Working Group and ask for more members to join the FG.



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6. Participants list

NWWAC members	
Anais Mourtada	CNPMEM
Aodh O'Donnell	IFPO
Arthur Yon	FROM Nord
Irene Prieto	ANASOL
John Lynch	ISEFPO
Sander Meyns	Rederscentrale
Secretariat	
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