



TERMS OF REFERENCE

NWWAC Focus Group on control, enforcement and compliance

17 January 2024

1. Structure

Chair: Patrick Murphy

Vicechair: Arthur Yon

Rapporteur: NWWAC Secretariat

This FG will report to the NWWAC Horizontal Working Group.

The European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) and the Control Expert Group of the NWW Member States will be invited to become party of the Focus Group.

2. Working languages

The FG will conduct its work in English.

3. Purpose

This Focus Group has been re-established according to a decision by the NWWAC Executive Committee at its meeting on 28 September 2022. The ExCom agreed that the previous NWWAC FG on control, compliance and enforcement had fulfilled its objectives and needed to be revamped with new Terms of Reference, members and Chair.

The main objective of this FG is to prepare NWWAC advice to the European Commission and NWW Member States on all relevant fisheries control, enforcement and compliance issues in line with the principles of the CFP.

4. Objectives and expected outputs:

Overall, this FG will follow all control, enforcement and compliance topics that are relevant to NWW fisheries. These include but are not limited to:

- The implementation of the existing and revised Control Regulation, considering where AC advice on control measures might be needed.
- Compliance with the landing obligation, especially considering the issue of article 27 of the technical measures regulation. Joint-AC work, especially with the Pelagic Advisory Council, might be considered where relevant.
- The impacts of the post-Brexit landscape on fisheries control. In particular, the FG will



follow the work of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum¹, both feeding on the information conveyed there and providing issues for discussion. This liaison will be done through the Secretariat and FG members who also participate in the Forum.

- Relevant actions and items raised in the Commission's package on the Common Fisheries Policy adopted on 21 February 2023.

The FG will also consider how to improve transparency of information and effective communication between the NWWAC, the European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) and the NWW MS Control Expert Group (CEG). The FG will consider organising regular (in person and virtual) joint meetings with EFCA and the CEG on relevant control, enforcement and compliance topics, such as evaluation of compliance with the LO and the uniform / consistent application of the NWW Joint Deployment Plan across all MS.

5. Meetings and documents:

First Focus Group meeting: 14 December 2022, virtual.

Given the nature and complexity of EU fisheries control system it will be necessary to hold some face-to-face meetings. These will be kept to a minimum as it is proposed to conduct the business of the FG as much as possible by means of video-conference and distribution of information and documents by electronic systems to ensure maximum value regarding time and expenses.

6. Members:

Name	Organisation
Alexandra Philippe	EBCD
Anais Mourtada	CNPMEM
Aodh O'Donnell	IFPO
Arthur Yon	FROM Nord
Enda Conneely / Seamus Bonner	IIMRO
Franck Le Barzic	Cobrenord
Irene Prieto	ARVI
John Lynch	IS&EFPO
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Sean O'Donoghue	KFO

¹https://www.nwwac.org/fileupload/Membership/Year%2018/ToR%20InterAC%20Brexit%20Forum%202022%20website_EN.pdf