

NWWAC Common Fisheries Policy Package Focus Group Terms of Reference

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Chair: Alexandra Philippe

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Languages: The work of the Focus Group will be conducted in EN and FR if applicable and when possible.

Framework: The FG will function within NWWAC Horizontal WG.

Purpose (aims and objectives):

On 21 February 2023, the European Commission released a package of four communications (hereafter CFP Package):

1. Communication on the Energy Transition of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture sector ([here](#)) (hereafter Energy Transition Initiative)
2. EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries ([here](#)) (hereafter Marine Action Plan)
3. The common fisheries policy today and tomorrow: a Fisheries and Oceans Pact towards sustainable, science-based, innovative and inclusive fisheries management ([here](#)) accompanied by a Staff Working Document: Common Fisheries Policy - State of play ([here](#))
4. Report on the Common Market Organisation for fishery and aquaculture products ([here](#))

The Commission was legally due to report on the functioning of the Common Fisheries Policy and the Common Market Organisation by the end of 2022 whereas the Action Plan was foreseen in the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 for 2021. As the energy crisis and the invasion of Ukraine by Russia led the EU to rethink its energy consumption and its energy dependency, the Commission also proposed an Initiative on the Energy transition of the fisheries and aquaculture sector. Given the concurrence of these elements, the European Commission decided to release these in a package.

This Focus Group will analyse the CFP Package and provide opinions and recommendations on the propositions made by the Commission.

Attention:

- As the Common Market Organisation (CMO) enters under the remit of the Market Advisory Council, the Focus Group will not analyse the report on the CMO.

- Additionally, the communication on the Energy Transition Initiative will be analysed by the existing NWWAC Focus Group on Climate & Environment with the Chair or/and Vice-Chair of the CFP Focus Group participating in the discussions.

Functioning and outcomes:

The Focus Group will proceed as follows:

- On the Marine Action Plan: provide recommendations on the Marine Action Plan focusing on policy aspects and overarching approach to the topic, in articulation with the Commission’s proposal for a Nature Restoration Law.
- On the Communication “The common fisheries policy today and tomorrow: a Fisheries and Oceans Pact towards sustainable, science-based, innovative and inclusive fisheries management” and the related Staff Working Document:
 1. Identify in the Communication and Staff Working Document, topics and policy aspects that should be analysed by the Focus Group and that are relevant to the NWWAC such as the landing obligation, technical measures, multiannual plans and other topics to be proposed and agreed by members in future discussions in this Focus Group. Provide recommendations to the Commission on these aspects. If these are linked to specific tasks under the remit of another NWWAC Focus Group, it should be consulted. If a NWWAC advice has already been issued on one of these matters and no updates have been witnessed, the advice in question should be the basis of the CFP Focus Group’s work.
 2. Review the [NWWAC response to the targeted consultation on the functioning of the CFP](#) and compare AC advice with the content of the Communication and Staff Working Document.
 3. In addition to the topics identified by the CFP Focus Group as important, the FG may also deal with requests made by the Commission to the Advisory Councils in the CFP package and provide the Commission with recommendations on the feasibility of these tasks/requests in the advice on the Marine Action Plan and on the CFP Communication.
- The Focus Group will analyse any response received from the Commission regarding the advice submitted and identify if further work is needed.



Outcome/advice:

The recommendations on the Marine Action Plan and the CFP (communication + Staff Working Document) will each be subject of analysis by the Focus Group and subject to advice as identified above.

Timeline:

- Advice on Marine Action Plan: maximum of 6 months
- Advice on CFP: TBA

Recipients of Advice (target audience):

European Commission: DG MARE. In addition, a copy of each advice to be sent to North Western Waters Member States, DG ENVI and the Parliament's PECH and ENVI Committees for information.

Measures of success (Key Performance Indicators):

- Consensus Advice (when possible);
- DG MARE response to Advice;
- Recognition of the paper by DG ENVI, NWW MS, PECH & ENVI Committees
- Reference to Advice by decision-makers and managers.

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