

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title:

Joint Focus Group between the NWWAC, PELAC and NSAC on impacts from seismic activities and offshore wind farms

Proposed Chair:

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Working language:

English

Time frame and deadline:

1 To develop specific research questions for an ICES Special Request Advice on the impacts of offshore wind farm development on commercially exploited stocks. The final requests will be submitted to the European Commission.
2 To develop new Terms of Reference for a multi-AC Focus Group, including but not limited to the NWWAC, PELAC, NSAC and SWWAC, to further explore and discuss issues including but not limited to the impact of seismic activities and gravel extraction, and to monitor the developments in the ICES Working Group on Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries (WGOWDF).

Timeframe: 4 months (September 2020 – December 2020)

Deadline: Task 1 October 2020
Task 2 December 2020

Due to the current COVID-19 crisis and related restrictions regarding travel, the group will carry out its work via virtual meetings and written electronic procedure, until the relevant (travel) measures in Europe will have lifted.

NWWAC

The FG Seismic will function within the Horizontal Working Group. Depending on the timing of development and finalisation of each paper, they may either undergo written procedure for revision and adoption or be approved at one of the upcoming NWWAC ExCom meetings.

PELAC

The FG Seismic will operate under the Ecosystem Focus Group. Depending on the timing of development and finalisation of each paper, they may either undergo written procedure for revision and adoption or be approved at one of the upcoming PELAC Working Group I and ExCom meetings.

NSAC

The FG Seismic will operate under the Ecosystem WG. Depending on the timing of development and finalisation of each paper, they may either undergo written procedure for revision and adoption or be approved at one of the upcoming NSAC Ecosystem WG and ExCom meetings.

Objective:

- 1 **Develop research questions for ICES Special Request Advices on impacts of offshore wind farms on the same stocks.**
- 2 **Develop Terms of Reference for a multi-AC Focus Group to further explore and discuss issues including but not limited to the impact of seismic activities and gravel extraction, and to monitor the developments in the ICES Working Group on Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries (WGOWDF)**

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