

DRAFT Minutes

Joint NWWAC/NSAC Focus Group Skates & Rays

Virtual meeting via Teams

30 March 2023

09:00 – 11:00 IE | 10:00 – 12:00 CET

Participants

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Johnny Woodlock	Irish Seal Sanctuary

1 Welcome and introductions

The Chair John Lynch welcomed all participants. Apologies were received from Franck Le Barzic (COREBNORD) and Paddy Walker (DES). The agenda was adopted.

Minutes and action points from the last meeting (08 December 2022)

1	Secretariat to draft advice paper based on draft workshop report and discussions in the FG today
	Agenda item 2
2	Secretariat to draft letter to the Commission on the prohibited species list
	Currently for approval with both ExComs, however, changes were received from the NSAC Chair which need to be accommodated

ACTION: Secretariat to contact Kenn Skau Fischer directly regarding his changes.

2 Review and update of advice document

Members reviewed comments received on the draft advice and agreed the updated version.

ACTION: Secretariat to circulate the updated version to FG members for immediate review prior to circulation for approval into the Working Groups

The Secretariat shared the final version of the workshop report explaining that confirmation is needed from presenters regarding use of images. It was agreed that the report will be launched in EN, with FR and ES versions to follow when ready.

3 AOB

- Regional Skate Working Group

The Secretariat explained the background to the information circulated regarding this topic and shared the agenda of the two-day conference held.

The Chair and members expressed their regret at not having been included in this event. Members agreed that it would be useful to receive additional information regarding the topics of the presentations at this conference. Based on this, experts should be invited to future FG meetings.

ACTION: Secretariat to write to Ciaran Kelly, Marine Institute, to follow up on this event.

4 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

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