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# Report from the NWWRAC Secretariat

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Executive Committee  
Madrid, 8<sup>th</sup> September 09



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# Year 4

# Budget Update

1/10/2008- 30/9/2009

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# Year 4 – Current Position

## Expenditure

	Predicted	Actual	Forecast	Total
Staff	€ 47,500	€ 39,269	€ 8,627	€ 47,896
Reimbursements	€ 138,160	€ 86,280	€ 29,618	€ 115,898
Meetings	€ 33,216	€ 8,467	€ 6,207	€ 14,674
Operating costs	€ 13,019	€ 6,397	€ 35,556	€ 41,953
Interpretation and Translation	€ 57,900	€ 49,902	€ 18,604	€ 68,506
Fees	€ 21,655	€ 6,723	€ 15,800	€ 22,523
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 311,450</b>	<b>€ 197,038</b>	<b>€ 114,412</b>	<b>€ 311,450</b>

Budget Amendment to operating costs

Potential underspend (€5,000 - €10,000?)



# Year 4 – Current Position

## Income

	Predicted	Actual	Forecast	Total
Member States	€ 22,200	€ 22,200	€ 0	€ 22,200
Commission	€ 250,000	€ 200,000	€ 49,657	€ 249,657
Members	€ 39,250	€ 39,593	€ 0	€ 39,593
<b>Total</b>	<b>€311,450</b>	<b>€261,793</b>	<b>€49,657</b>	<b>€311,450</b>

Membership greater than predicted



# Year 4 – Next steps

- Agree the amendment with the Commission;
- Complete financial year 4;
- Issue tender for audit services;
- Prepare update for General Assembly.



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# Year 3 Budget

(26/9/2007-30/9/2008)

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# Year 3 - Update on final EU grant

- Initial Commission determination; € 36,719 deficit;
- Commission decision appealed by the NWWRAC;
- Revised proposal following negotiation; € 18,505;
- Communication to ExCom;
- ExCom approval sought for the revised year 3 deficit of € 18,505.



# Year 5 - Proposed expenditure

	Non-eligible (contribution in kind)	Eligible	Total
Staff	€29,250	€95,550	€124,800
Reimbursements	€0	€101,900	€101,900
Meetings	€14,250	€18,620	€32,870
Operating costs	€19,889	€24,992	€44,881
Interpretation and Translation	€13,000	€39,188	€52,188
Fees	€0	€22,000	€22,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€76,389</b>	<b>€302,250</b>	<b>€378,639</b>





# Year 5 - Estimated income

	Non-Eligible	Eligible	Total
Member States	€76,389	€22,200	€98,589
Commission		€250,000	€250,000
Members	(€10,000 ) Contribution to the deficit of Year 3	€30,050	€30.050
<b>Total</b>	<b>€76,389</b>	<b>€302,250</b>	<b>€378,639</b>



# Year 5 – Current status

- Communicated to the ExCom 16/6/2009;
- Awaiting approval from the Commission;
- Fees collected from 37 members;
- Letters of commitment from 14 members;
- Urgent commitment needed from 5 organisations.



# Year 5 – Budget process

- A difficult exercise;
- Membership contribution is set at the same level as previous years and is distributed as follows:
  - 75% for Year 5 working programme;
  - 25 % first contribution to the Year 3 deficit;
- The deficit is carried over a period of 2 years:
  - €10,000 in Year 5 and
  - €8,505 in Year 6;
- Travel costs are capped to €300



# Year 5 - Capping of travel costs

- Meeting venue for Working Groups and ExCom are fixed (i.e. Paris and Madrid);
- Paris and Madrid are the most affordable venues;
- Members have advance notice of all meeting dates.



# Year 5 – ExCom decisions

- Ratify the budget proposal, as agreed by e-mail (16/06/2009);
- Approve the suggested modification of the reimbursement rules for the endorsement of the General Assembly on 18/10/2009.



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# Year 4

# Work Programme Review

October 2008 - September 2009

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# Meetings held to date (11):

- General Assembly (Dublin);
- 4 Executive Committees (Paris -2-, Dublin, Madrid);
- 2 Sets of Working Groups (Madrid, Paris);
- 1 Horizontal Working Group on CFP Reform (Paris);
- 3 Focus Group Meetings:
  - TCM (Paris);
  - Northern Hake (Santiago);
  - Vla Haddock (Aberdeen).



# RAC Opinions (14)

## Selection:

- EC Fishing Opportunities for 2009;
- Reform of Control System;
- TCM for North Western Waters;
- Discards;
- Review of Functioning of the RACs;
- Skates and Rays;
- Management Plan for Northern Hake.





# Pending Meetings (3)

- Focus Group meeting on the review of Fisheries Management measures in the Irish Sea
  - Belfast, September 30<sup>th</sup> (to be confirmed);
- Follow up Horizontal WG meeting on CFP Reform
  - Paris or Brussels, late September/October 7<sup>th</sup>?
- Annual General Assembly
  - Dublin Castle, Dublin, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



# Pending opinions and advice (7)

- EC Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2010;
- Timing for Vla Anglerfish surveys;
- LTMP for West of Scotland haddock;
- Workshop on COM for Fishing Products;
- State of gear marking regulation;
- TCM for Scallops stocks in the Channel;
- Improvement of Science for stock assessment and survival rates for discards.



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# Year 5

# Proposed Work Programme

October 2009 – September 2010

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# Year 5

## Provisional Calendar of Meetings

- Annual General Assembly: October 28, Dublin Castle;
- Joint RAC Workshop on Decision-Making within CFP Reform – November 3-4, Edinburgh;
- Executive Committee – January 27, Paris;
- Working Groups – March 2-4, Madrid;
- Executive Committee – June 14, Madrid;
- Working Groups – July 13-15, Paris;
- Executive Committee – September 16, Madrid;
- General Assembly – October, Dublin.



# Year 5

## Focus Groups to be agreed

- Funding for 5 Focus Groups (1/2 day duration each)
  - Max. 8 members per meeting
- Call of interest:
  - Suggestions of Topics
  - Application forms
  - Final Selection
- Interpretation services only if requested
  - depending on funding availability



# Year 5 Summary

- Full work programme to be circulated among all members for adoption at the GA meeting in November;
- Coordination with high-profile meetings and workshops (RAC / ICES / EC / STECF) to avoid overlap of dates;
- Financial constraints from deficit management
  - note capping of travel costs (not applicable to *per diem* rate)



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# Commission and ICES

Forthcoming meetings of relevance for  
the NWWRAC

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# Commission meetings: Update on DG MARE Work Programme for 2009-2010

- Consultation papers / formal proposals to be released by the DG MARE of the European Commission for last quarter 2009 / early 2010:
  - Incidental catches of Seabirds in fishing gears;
  - Amendment of Fishing Opportunities for 2009 / Proposal for Regulation for 2010;
- Eco-labelling;
  - Rules of implementation of IUU regulation & Port State measures;
  - TCM Regulation for North Western Waters;
  - Rules for application of LTMP on Cod Stocks ;
  - Action Plan for a European Marine observation and Data network;
  - Deep sea stocks;
  - Reform of COM in fishery and aquaculture products.





# ICES meetings: 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2009

- Working Group on Widely Distributed Stocks (WGWIDE);
- Workshop on Methods to evaluate and estimate the precision of fisheries data used for assessment;
- ICES Annual Science Conference (ASC);
- Working Group on Multispecies Assessment Methods;
- Working Group on Holistic Assessments of Regional Marine Ecosystems (WGHAME);
- Workshop on crustaceans (e.g. Nephrops) maturity stages;
- Working Group on Methods of Fish Stock Assessments.



# ICES meetings.....continued

- Workshop on Age estimation of European Hake (WKAEH);
- ICES WG on quantifying all Fishing Mortality (WGQAG);
- Workshop on Sexual Maturity Staging of sole, plaice, dab and flounder (WKMSSPDF);
- Other ICES meetings by correspondence:
  - ICES / GLOBEC WG on Cod and Climate Change (WGCCC);
  - Working Group on Recruitment Processes (WGRP);
  - Workshop on Edge Effects in Nephrops Surveys;
- 2010: MIRAC, Stock Assessment Training Programme, etc.



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# Management of Working Groups

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# Working Groups

## Election of Chairpersons

- Current Status:
  - No specific term of mandate defined for Chairs / Vice chairs (*Excl. WG3*);
  - All other NWWRAC positions have been subjected to renewal / (re) election in 2008.
- Proposal
  - Limited term of mandate;
    - Initially for a period of 2 years (to end in September 2011) then new election of chairmen for 3 years;
  - Amendment of the rules of procedure at the next General Assembly.



# Management of Working Groups:

## Nomination of additional rapporteurs

- Rationale
  - Need to fill the gap in case of rapporteurs' absence.
- Aim
  - Reduce workload and improve efficiency Secretariat.
- Proposal
  - Call of interest to seek volunteers for election at next Working Groups meetings.



# Management of Working Groups: Horizontal Issues

- Two options:
  - Option 1
    - To distribute items evenly in already existing 4 regional area-based Working Groups;
  - Option 2
    - To set up an extra half-day meeting when required;
- A chair and rapporteur need to be selected on an ad hoc or a permanent basis;
- No need for amendment of NWWRAC rules
- Both options are in accordance with articles 14 and 15.

