

# MINUTES

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment – Madrid

Friday 16 September 2011

10:00 - 13:00

Chairman: Sam Lambourn

Rapporteur: Alexandre Rodríguez

### 1. Welcome

The Chairman of the NWWRAC, Mr Sam Lambourn welcomed the Commission representatives, María Fuensanta Candela and Robert Griffin, and all attendees to the meeting and invited all members and observers around the table to give a brief introduction of themselves. The list of participants, and the organisations they represent, is detailed in Annex I.

Apologies: The Secretariat passed apologies received from Conor Nolan (NWWRAC Executive Secretary), Arianna Broggiato (EBCD), Víctor Badiola (OPPAO-CEPESCA), Daniel Lefèvre (CRPBN and NWWRAC WG3 Chair), Jacques Bigot (CFTC-ETF) and Sean O'Donoghue (KFO).

Agenda: The Chairman proposed to deal with actions at the end of each item rather than waiting until the end of the session to recapitulate. This proposal was accepted by all members.

Adoption of the minutes of the last meeting (Dublin Castle, 7 July 2011):

No comments were made and the minutes were formally adopted.

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### Update on the actions agreed:

The Chairman recapitulated the progress in work through the agreed actions since the last Executive Committee meeting. He made a quick scan of those actions and their status being the main topics:

- Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2012 (“Policy Statement”)
- Review of Cod Recovery Plan.

At request of the Chairman, a brief oral report was provided by Barrie Deas on the main outcomes of the Seminar held by the Commission in Brussels the 7<sup>th</sup> of October to present findings of STECF. The main conclusion was that we cannot continue with a plan that has been evaluated to be detrimental for both the recovery of stocks and for the living of the fishermen (including automatic reduction of TACs), and that there is a need to look at foreseeable changes

- LTMP on Celtic Sea Demersal Fisheries.
- Interim measures for Celtic Sea Cod: Lorcan O’Cinnéide clarified that the Commission has published a proposal accepting NWWRAC request for an in-year revision (increase) of CS Cod TAC that will be related to other proposal on TCMs.
- Letter asking for clarification and timeframe for a new Regulation on TCMs.
- Nephrops VII.

The Chair concluded that a more in depth discussion would take place under item 4 (i.e. NWWRAC work priorities for last quarter of 2011) of the agenda.

## **2. Report from Secretariat on Finances**

Pádraig Gordon, BIM advisor on financial matters for the NWWRAC, gave an updated report on the state of the accounts in Year 6 (Oct 2010-Sep 2011) and presented the budget proposal for NWWRAC financial Year 7 (Oct 2011-Sep 2012).

The complete presentation on the budget is available for consultation on the NWWRAC website<sup>1</sup>.

### 2.1. Update on the accounts for Year 6 (1/10/2010-9/9/2011)

Mr. Gordon explained that the NWWRAC had submitted in August 2011 a request to the Commission for an amendment of the budget for Year 6, in compliance with the EU Financial Regulation and the Annual Grant Agreement. This was mainly due to the additional income received from new organisations members joining the NWWRAC during the year and for adjustments and/or transfers of over 10% between budget headings. The Executive Committee was informed that the request was accepted by the DG MARE services and the Secretariat is now waiting for the signed version to be returned. The amended figures on expenditure/income are available in the tables. The financial year will be completed the 30 of September and an update will be given at the AGM/GA meeting that will be held in Dublin Castle the 27 October.

In relation to the management of the deficit from budget year 3, it was confirmed that the remaining outstanding amount of €8,940 had been collected and the deficit has now been cleared in full.

In conclusion, Mr. Gordon highlighted that over the last 2 years there has been a huge improvement in the working relationship between the NWWRAC Secretariat and the Commission team as a result of a better mutual understanding of the implementation of rules and work practices. This had proven to be a positive factor which has greatly helped the Secretariat in completing its work.

### 2.2. Proposed budget for Financial Year 7 (1 October 2010-30 September 2011)

In relation to the level of funding expected for forthcoming years, Mr. Gordon noted that the Commission had made it clear in a recent written reply to a NWWRAC letter<sup>2</sup> that no increase in the Community grant is foreseen before the new CFP regulation and Financial Regulation enter into force, i.e. end of 2013. Therefore, the maximum amount of Commission's grant will remain at 250,000 euros.

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<sup>1</sup> See: [http://www.nwwrac.org/Meetings/Meetings\\_ENG/Navigation.php?id=411&language=English](http://www.nwwrac.org/Meetings/Meetings_ENG/Navigation.php?id=411&language=English)

<sup>2</sup> EC Reply to NWWRAC Letter on Role and Functioning of the RACs in a reformed CFP (31 May 2011):  
[http://www.nwwrac.org/Publications/Publications\\_ENG/Navigation.php?page=search&language=English](http://www.nwwrac.org/Publications/Publications_ENG/Navigation.php?page=search&language=English)



Mr. Gordon reminded the members the differences between eligible (i.e. Commission's and NWWRAC members contributions) and non-eligible (i.e. contributions in kind) costs, and highlighted the importance of BIM, Member States and other organisations in providing the NWWRAC with contributions in kind that are crucial for its functioning (e.g. part-time staff, share of office overheads, provision of meeting rooms and technical equipment, etc.). In year 7, the benefit in kind will amount to €108,292.

There is an effective increase of 13,000 euros in budget availability of Y7 as a result of an increase in membership fees and Member States contributions. The main headings that will benefit from this increase will be reimbursement for attending NWWRAC meetings and translation/interpretation.

Mr. Gordon also confirmed that a further increase in membership fees for Year 8 (2012/2013) has been deferred pending the outcome of the CFP reform.

He also made a brief report on the payments received and asked those members who have not yet done so, to send their membership subscriptions immediately.

**Request:**

**In compliance with the NWWRAC governing rules, Mr. Gordon asked the Executive Committee members to manifest their approval (in principle) for the proposed budget, in order for it to be submitted to the Commission before the end of September 2010.**

**Decision:**

**The NWWRAC Chairman and the Executive Committee members agreed that the proposed budget for Year 7 as presented by the Secretariat was clear and realistic and therefore, it was declared approved in principle in its entirety by consensus.**

### 3. Election to NWWRAC Positions (1 October 2011-30 September 2012)

Alexandre Rodríguez, on behalf of the NWWRAC Secretariat, provided an oral report on the state of play in relation to the election procedures launched for all NWWRAC positions following the end of the deadline for nominations/expressions of interest established for the 31<sup>st</sup> of August 2011.

- Honorary Chairman / President of the General Assembly: The Secretariat has been informed that the current President, André LeBerre, does not have the intention to run for a third mandate. The French delegation has nominated Marc Ghiglia as their candidate to occupy this position. Mr. Ghiglia's name will be put forward the NWWRAC members for election in the Dublin Castle annual GA meeting in October.
- NWWRAC Chairperson: The current Chair, Sam Lambourn, had already expressed in July his intention to cease in functions at the end of his mandate<sup>3</sup>. The Secretariat received within the requested deadline one formal nomination and secondment from the two Spanish members of the Executive Committee. The nominated candidate is Bertie Armstrong, current Chair of NWWRAC Working Group 1 (West of Scotland). A final decision will be adopted by the newly established Executive Committee after its election by the General Assembly.
- NWWRAC Vice-Chairs: Although there are presently three Vice-Chairs (2 fishing industry representatives and 1 eNGO), there are no rules so this could be reduced to one Vice-Chair if members wished so. A final decision will be adopted by the newly established Executive Committee immediately after the General Assembly.
- Executive Committee members: The Secretariat received expressions of interest from the 20 organisations that are currently members of the Executive Committee of the NWWRAC to maintain their seats for a further period of 3 years. The organisation "France Pêche Durable et Responsable" applied for a seat under "other fishing groups" (2/3) that is currently vacant as a result of the withdrawal of membership from Mna na Mhara (Women at Sea). A copy of their statutes and governing rules and a letter of support by the French Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries accompanied this application. Regarding the 1/3 for "other interest groups", the Secretariat noted that there are still three vacant seats. All 21 applications received will be put forward for election at the Annual General Assembly Meeting to be held in October 2011 in Dublin Castle.

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<sup>3</sup> See [minutes of the Executive Committee meeting in Dublin Castle](#) (7 July 2011)

- NWWRAC Secretariat: The Administration Board of Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) submitted a letter in July showing its willingness to continue hosting the NWWRAC Secretariat in BIM offices in Dublin for a further term of 3 years. The Executive Committee members already had declared that they were very satisfied with the functioning of the Secretariat and that they would support the BIM proposal. No other applications were received.

**Decision: The Executive Committee members adopted the decision to support Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM – Irish Sea Fisheries Board) as host organisation of the NWWRAC Secretariat for a further three-year period.**

- Working Groups: Mr. Rodríguez clarified that, according to the article 13.1 of the NWWRAC rules of procedure regarding sub-area working groups, the decision of the NWWRAC Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteurs relies on the membership of each respective Working Group, which must select a Chairperson from amongst their members.

For information, the following candidates have been nominated for each position:

Working Group 1 (West of Scotland and Western Approaches)

- Chair: Jane Sandell (replacing Bertie Armstrong if he becomes NWWRAC Chairman)
- Vice-chair: Víctor Badiola
- Rapporteur: Kara Brydson

Working Group 2 (West of Ireland and Celtic Sea)

- Chair: Jesús Lourido (replacing Hugo González)
- Vice-chair: André Gueguen
- Rapporteur: Paul Trebilcock

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#### Working Group 3 (Channel)

- Chair: Daniel Lefèvre
- Vice-chair and rapporteur: Jim Portus

#### Working Group 4 (Irish Sea)

- Chair: Alan McCulla (replacing Lorcan O’Cinnéide)
- Vice-chair: Thomas Bryan-Brown (replacing Alan McCulla)
- Rapporteur: John Crudden

**The Executive Committee members present did not make any objections to any of the proposed candidates for the NWWRAC positions.**

#### **4. Planning of NWWRAC activities for Year 7**

##### 4.1. Work priorities

##### 4.1.1. Identification of topics

At request of the Chair, Alexandre Rodríguez presented the key work priorities of the NWWRAC for Year 7, and stated that any input or feedback from the Executive Committee would be highly appreciated so it can be incorporated to the Work Programme that will be included in the application for a new grant for Year 7 by the end of month.

The Work Programme of the NWWRAC is available for consultation at the meeting site<sup>4</sup> and it includes the following areas:

- Reform of the CFP (including regionalisation, decision-making and governance...)
- Multi annual management plans in a context of mixed fisheries
- Review of existing recovery plans (e.g. Cod in VIa/VIId/VIIa, Sole VIIe...)
- Data deficiencies in stock assessments
- Technical Conservation Measures and Discards
- Marine Spatial Planning
- Control and compliance

***The Chairman thanked Mr. Rodríguez for his presentation and opened the floor for discussion***

- Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy:

Many members stressed the importance of preparing a NWWRAC response to the Commission framework regulation on CFP reform published the 13 July 2011, with the view of informing the discussions currently being held at Council of Ministers and European Parliament level. This is the main priority of NWWRAC's work and will be dealt with in forthcoming meetings.

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<sup>4</sup> This programme has been completed incorporating all comments received and agreed by the NWWRAC Chair and submitted to the Commission with date 26 September 2011



- Data deficiencies for stocks assessment:

Barrie Deas said that progress had been achieved in 2011 towards an improved dialogue with ICES. The Dublin meetings in July served to appoint data coordinators to start the work. It is crucial that coordinators know what their duties are and have a clear understanding of what is expected from them in terms of their work with ICES, scientists from national institutes, managers and fishermen. This will also help to avoid duplication with existing work at national and European level. Also, the NWWRAC data coordinators must provide regular feedback to the Secretariat and the members on the progress of their work.

One of the identified core areas would be to assist ICES with preparatory work for the organisation of benchmark workshops, given the fact that some of the existing data deficiencies might require some time to be solved.

**Action: Secretariat to send a “checklist” of tasks to appointed NWWRAC data coordinators for each stock, as well as the terms of reference of their mandate. The Secretariat must also encourage the members to liaise with ICES coordinators to progress with collecting data and improving data quality.**

- Cod recovery:

Based on the latest information available as a result of the EC Seminar presenting the outcomes of STECF advice for review of Cod Recovery Plan, the Chair proposed to set up a Focus Group on Cod Recovery on the afternoon of the 27<sup>th</sup> of October. All members considered that this might be a good opportunity to retake work and compare Commission’s and STECF proposal with NWWRAC’s position paper presented in June 2011.

**Action: To hold a Focus Group meeting on Cod Recovery for the 27 October in the afternoon.**

#### 4.1.2 Strategic Plan for the Irish Sea

Lorcan O’Cinneide, Chairman of the Irish Sea Working Group, apologised for not having produced a written contribution in advance to the meeting but said that he is working on a discussion paper that should be available for circulation soon. The paper will propose an overall approach to all Irish Sea stocks and would be connected to a number of ongoing RAC initiatives regarding the review of the Cod Recovery Plan and data deficiencies.

#### 4.1.3. Nephrops Management for Area VII

Lorcan O’Cinnéide affirmed that in the last months there have been difficulties in gathering scientific evidence for drafting a coherent approach in relation to this topic. However, a draft proposal should be ready for circulation by e-mail to the NWWRAC members on the following weeks.

#### 4.2. Commission’s work programme and consultations

María Fuensanta Candela, Head of Unit C2 and representative of DG MARE at the meeting, informed the attendees of the Commission’s work priorities for the second half of 2011 and detailed a number of consultations (see below) where NWWRAC input would be expected.

Ms. Candela emphasised that there have been no major changes to the Commission work programme since the last update provided to the NWWRAC at the Executive Committee meeting, held on the 7th of July 2011, in Dublin.

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- CFP Reform:

The Commission has presented and discussed with the Council and the European Parliament about the content of the first regulatory package presented in July 2011. As this a matter of co-decision procedure, the crucial process now is the dialogue between the Council and the EP. Each of them will need to identify the amendments they wish to see introduced to the text, then embark on the dialogues with the Commission to find consensus. The Commission will work to encourage them to try to fulfil the objectives stated in the Framework Regulation.

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The DG MARE representative noted the changes that co-decision entails for stakeholders in terms of means and channels for them to convey their position and communicating their ideas to the European Parliament and the Council, bearing in mind also that there is an established practice in other marine users and industries (i.e. pharmaceutical, machinery, wind...) in this respect.

**Action: The members agreed to develop a NWWRAC position to be submitted to the Council of Ministers and European Parliament before the end of the year.**

**Barrie Deas will draft the first version of a discussion paper aiming to reflect the views of the NWWRAC in relation to what should be desirable for a CFP reform. Mention will be made to the following aspects: decision-making (decentralisation), regionalisation, transferable quotas; multiannual management plans; and discards; amongst others.**

- Fishing opportunities for 2012:

The Commission's proposal on Fishing Opportunities for EU stocks only is at its final stage of the procedure and it should be aimed for adoption at the end of September in due time to be presented to the Fisheries Council scheduled for the 28 September. An official press release and a public presentation will be given at the end of September with a link to the final proposal.

Many fishing industry members showed their dissatisfaction with the outcomes of Seminar on the State of the Stocks held in Brussels (8 September) as it did not contain nor reveal any detailed proposals or figures on TAC and quotas. This was a repetition of what happened the year before.

In reply to the comment made by one eNGO about the need to reach MSY for all fish stocks by 2015, Ms. Candela clarified that the Johannesburg Commitment clearly says that the objective to rebuild fish stocks to MSY levels should be attained by 2015 where possible. Obviously, this means that where the scientific basis is there (availability of MSY reference points and models for forecasts and catch options), this target is clearly possible and therefore our obligations are clear. For data-poor stocks, the situation requires that precautionary considerations must prevail when taking management decisions. Also, she denied that MSY was synonym of economic losses in the short term, as some stocks that fall under this category are already showing clear trends of improvement.

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- Celtic Sea Cod:

In line with the NWWRAC request submitted in July, an in-year revision of TACs was deemed to be immediate. The Commission has tabled in early September a proposal to amend the Regulation on Fishing Opportunities for 2011 and modify the corresponding figures for Celtic Sea Cod TAC following recommendations from STECF. The new TAC will be of 5,775 tonnes instead of the current 4,023 tonnes. This is expected to be adopted at a forthcoming Fisheries Council.

Some fishing industry members said that, although this is a positive reply from the Commission, it was quite discouraging to see how this proposal submitted by the NWWRAC in July with urgent nature was still not resolved and unnecessary discarding and loss of income from fishermen was occurring at the moment.

- Hake:

The Commission has just published a consultation paper on a management plan for southern hake. Although this stock is the matter of interest for the South Western Waters RAC, she suggested that the NWWRAC might be interested in participating in the discussions and developing a common thinking and approach with the SWWRAC as this is a similar stock and a workable management model could be replicated in the Northern Hake stock in the future.

The Commission is waiting to receive a strong message from ICES in relation to the biological reference points of Northern Hake before adopting any further measure/proposal.

**Action: The NWWRAC Secretariat will contact its colleagues from the SWWRAC to let them know of our interest to participate as observers on their future meetings dealing with Southern Hake stocks and, if agreed, to assist in the development of a joint position paper.**

- Celtic Sea Demersal Fisheries:

The Commission fully supports and encourages the work of the NWWRAC in the development of a LTMP for the area based on a multi-species approach, but reminded the committee that it is a matter of credibility for the RAC to deliver robust management proposals.

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This is a relatively new exercise of “learning by doing” and some lessons might be drawn from other cases such as the one in the Baltic Sea (pelagic and demersal multi-fisheries approach). The first proposals might reveal influential for the conception of future MPs in different areas.

**Action: NWWRAC to progress with work on a LTMP for Mixed Demersal Fisheries in the Celtic Sea before the end of 2011; keep informed and liaise with a horizontal Working Group within DG MARE dealing with interactions between mixed species and practical considerations for management plans.**

Barrie Deas commented that the North Sea RAC is starting to organise a conference on mixed fisheries and multi species approach. The format of this meeting will be similar to previous successful ones on Cod Recovery and Regionalisation and Governance in the CFP reform, including world class experts and speakers and exchange of good examples and experiences from third countries outside the EU. The event is likely to take place in January 2012 and has already received support from the Danish Government, which will be the host of this venue. Additionally, there might be funding available from EU projects such as MyFish. The Executive Committee members and the Commission representative showed their support to this initiative.

**Action: NWWRAC to participate and be involved in the organisation of this meeting, and work with North Sea and Baltic Sea RACs through the Steering Committee.**

- Technical Conservation Measures:

Ms. Candela confirmed that no changes had occurred in terms of general framework, but some short term measures are envisaged in relation to gadoids and flatfish (plaice) in Areas VI and VII. The Commission had forwarded a request to STECF to advice on measures to reduce discards of haddock, whiting and plaice.

A STECF technical report was received the 1<sup>st</sup> of September, with a clear message that there is a need to act and adopt urgent measures by the 1 January 2012 at latest for the protection of stocks. Although the legal basis for these measures remains uncertain and needs to be clarified, there is clearly a need to adopt these measures rapidly and the option of adopting emergency measures will be carefully examined.

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## 5. Papers tabled for adoption

### 5.1. Letter requesting the Commission to clarify the timetable and strategy for a new Proposal of Regulation on Technical Conservation Measures

The letter was adopted and agreed to be submitted to the Commission without comments.

The author of the letter, Barrie Deas regretted about the procedure as it took too long to approve a non-controversial letter, and advised that in future the NWWRAC should articulate a fast-track procedure to approve these type of papers with general support.

The Commission's representative said that DG Mare was keen to engage with stakeholders to discuss a common methodology and way forward in order to ensure that the transitional measures do not lapse at the end of 2012.

### 5.2. Proposal for the introduction of a square mesh panel to reduce discards of haddock and whiting in an area of the Celtic Sea

In absence of the author of the proposal (Sean O'Donoghue), Lorcan O'Cinnéide summarised the content of a proposal aimed to improve gear selectivity in the Celtic Sea.

Mr. O Cinnéide summarised the content of the proposal and explained that, given the variety of interests and métiers in the area, this paper had been discussed as an agenda item during an EAPO meeting held that same morning, where the key representatives of the fishing industry from France, Belgium, United Kingdom, Ireland and Spain were represented.

The following comments were made and agreed there:

- The proposal has to be evidence-based and scientifically supportable. In fact, the content presented is not radically different in the effect or extent that the one from STECF.
- The NWWRAC is aware of the urgency of this matter and notes the intentions of the Commission to act quickly and have far-reaching measures in place in early 2012.
- The geographical scope of the NWWRAC proposal will be limited to VIIIfg and part of VIIj.

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- The proposal will contain an evaluation of the effectiveness of the square mesh panels and a socio-economic assessment. A simulation of the net effects of discards will be run, so it can show its results and evaluate if it is achieving the desired outcomes.

Mr. O’Cinnéide indicated that the NWWRAC proposal would be accordingly amended to incorporate the above referred comments. Ideally, the NWWRAC proposal should be endorsed and submitted to the Commission by the end of September/early October.

**Action: A revised letter that incorporates all amendments above will be circulated by the Secretariat in the following days for final comments and endorsement by the Executive Committee members, with the view of submitting a proposal to the Commission.**

Ms. Candela clarified that the selectivity measures recommended as urgent in the ICES and STECF advice affected stocks not only in the Celtic Sea but in the whole ICES areas VI and VII (e.g. Irish Sea, West of Scotland...). She also highlighted that given the STECF advice the NWWRAC proposals needed to be equivalent and reinforced by clear evidence of their impact. She encouraged the NWWRAC to submit their paper as soon as possible and allocate some time at the forthcoming Working Group meetings in Dublin to exchange views with the Commission. This is a question of timing, as in case of emergency measures, they would need to be adopted by the Commission quite rapidly. The Executive Committee members agreed with this suggestion and convened to consider the STECF technical paper and the Commission draft proposal and compare with the NWWRAC proposal with the idea of agreeing a common approach in relation to gears affected, species targeted and geographical areas.

**Action: NWWRAC to discuss at Working Group meetings a future common approach to interim technical measures (i.e. use of square mesh panels) for reducing discards of haddock and whiting.**

### 5.3. Letter on interim management measures for VIa Haddock

The letter drafted by Bertie Armstrong was adopted and agreed to be submitted to the Commission without further comments.

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## **6. Presentation of the Draft CFCA Multi-annual Programme 2012-2016 and the Annual Work Programme for 2012: operational activities for north western waters**

Pedro Galache, Head of Unit of Operational Control of the CFCA, presented the DRAFT Multi-annual programme for a 5 year period. This plan is implemented by annual Work Programme.

Mr. Galache highlighted the core areas of priority to be achieved in the next 5 years:

- The consolidation of the current Joint Deployment Plans (JDPs) in NAFO-NEAFC, cod in North Sea and western waters (Via and VIIa), or bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean; and fight against IUU fishing.
- The new concept of regional control areas might replace in future the JDPs that are focused on single species. A test case will take place already in 2012 for pelagic stocks in western waters. A multispecies approach to future JDPs will entail a progressive implementation of joint regional risk analysis and a joint evaluation of the effectiveness of the control activities.
- The role of the RACs in the CFCA will be enhanced and promoted through Advisory Boards and ad hoc meetings, as coordination and exchange of views with stakeholders is crucial for the success of the implementation of JDPs. In this particular, the idea of the NWWRAC to organise a control conference for western waters was warmly welcomed. The date of the next Advisory Board will be the 28 of September in Vigo.

***The Chairman thanked Mr. Galache for his presentation and opened the floor for questions and discussions.***

Barrie Deas said that he had a perception of improvement in the level of compliance across Member States (landings, etc.) since the entry into operation of the CFCA. He identified as critical the question about transparency and how we track our outcomes, and asked if there was a CFCA Annual Report available of compliance at each Member State.

Mr. Galache affirmed that transparency is one of the main objectives of the CFCA as they aim to promote level playing field and to enhance a culture of compliance. In relation to the question of an activity report, he replied that the CFCA publishes reports on each campaign carried out. Also, there is a general report after a JDP at the end of the year, where an assessment report to the Commission and Member States is included. This forms part of the CFCA annual report.

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The CFCA is now working on a new methodology to improve the evaluation and assessment of inspection campaigns. Work is being carried out with EC and MS in making this assessment useful to evaluate situation of resources (as an added value to the picture) as well as the level of compliance in each fishery.

**Action: Secretariat to compile all views received from members to CFCA Work Programme and ensure that NWWRAC will be represented at the next Advisory Board meeting.**

## **7. Closing remarks**

The Chairman thanked all participants for their attendance, the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Environment of Spain for hosting this event, and the interpreters team for their excellent work and closed the meeting at 13:00 h.

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## ANNEX I. LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

<b>EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS</b>		
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Sam	Lambourn	<b>Chairman - Skipper</b>
Bertie	Armstrong	Scottish Fishermen's Federation – <b>WG1 Chair</b>
Iwan	Ball	WWF
Ted	Breslin	KFO (replacing Sean O'Donoghue)
Emiel	Brouckaert	Rederscentrale
Luc	Corbisier	SDVO
John	Crudden	European Angler's Association
Bruno	Dachicourt	CTFC-ETF (replacing Jacques Bigot)
Barrie	Deas	NFFO
Anton	Dekker	Dutch Fisheries Organisation
Hugo C.	González García	ARVI-ANASOL – <b>WG2 Chair</b>
André	Gueguen	CNPMEM
Eduardo	Míguez	EAPA
Eibhlin	O'Sullivan	Irish South & West FPO
Jacques	Pichon	ANOP
John	Woodlock	Irish Seal Sanctuary
<b>OBSERVERS</b>		
John	Butterwith	NFFO
María Fuensanta	Candela	DG MARE - European Commission
Alan	Coghill	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
John	Daly	Irish Seal Sanctuary
Pedro	Galache	Community Fisheries Control Agency
Béatrice	Harmel	CRPMEM Basse Normandie (replacing Daniel Lefèvre)
John	Lynch	Irish Fishermen's Organisation
Robert	Griffin	DG MARE – European Commission
Philippe	Maraval	French Ministry for Food, Agriculture and Fisheries
Lorcan	O'Cinnéide	Irish Fish PO – <b>WG4 Chair</b>
Denis	O'Flaherty	Irish Fishermen's Organisation
Paul	Trebilcock	Cornish FPO
Caitlín	Uí Aodha	Irish South and East FPO
Hector	Villa González	MARM- Spain
Luke	Warwick	DEFRA – UK Government
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