
NWWRAC Secretariat

Mid-term report on Financial Issues and Work Programme

Executive Committee
Paris, 7th July 2010



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Financial Issues: Overview

Updated accounts for Year 5;

Final accounts for Year 4;

Proposed way forward for budget Year 6.



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Year 5

Budget Update

1/10/2009- 31/3/2010



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Year 5 - Current Position

Expenditure

	Original Budget 1-10-2009	Current position as per 31/03/2010
A. Staff		
A.1.1. Salaries	€6,250	€30,926
A.1.2. Travel	€9,300	€3,402
A.1.3. Other Costs	€0	€0
Sub-Total A	95,550	34,328
B. Reimbursements	€100,520	€47,554
C. Meetings	€18,620	€6,214
D. Operating costs	€24,872	€160
E. Interpretation and Translation	€39,188	€28,129
F. Fees	€22,000	€5,994
Total	€300,750	122,378€



Year 5 - Current Position

Income

	Original Budget	Current position as per 31/03/2009	Outstanding
Member States	€ 22,200	€ 18,500	€ 3,700
Commission	€ 250,000	€ 200,000	Balance EU-grant* € 50,000
Members	€ 28,550	€ 28,888	
Total	€300,750	€247,438	€53,700

* Commission income dependant on total audited eligible expenditure

* First part of deficit year 3 collected: €9,562



Year 5 - Travel cost summary

	Year 4	Average (Years 1-4)	Year 5 Current position as per 31/03/2009
Number of claims	188	200	83
Average reimbursement	€579	€607	€581
Total reimbursements	€108,845	€121,785	€47,554
Claims > €800	14	18	6
Amount > €800	€4,966	€4,958	€2,357



Year 5 - Next steps

- Complete second half of financial Year 5
- Budget amendment if necessary (e.g. increase of translation budget)
- Remain prudent with expenditure



Year 4

FINAL ACCOUNTS

(1/10/2009-30/9/2009)



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Year 4 – Completion of accounts

- January 2010 Final report and audit certificate sent to the Commission;
- January 2010 Commission's total grant € 223,585 based on an eligible expenditure of 285,378€;



Year 4 – Final expenditure

	Non-eligible (contribution-in-kind)	Eligible	Total
Staff (Spain –BIM)	€64,319	€47,171	€111,490
Reimbursements	€0	€107,790	€107,790
Meetings	€7,514	€10,891	€18,405
Operating costs (office rental & overheads)	€13,177	€39,614	€52,791
Interpretation and Translation	€0	€57,489	€57,489
Fees	€0	€22,423	€22,423
Deficit year 2 (2006-2007)	€4,551		€4,551
Total	€89,561	€285,378	€374,939

Year 4 - Income

	Non-Eligible	Eligible	Total
Members		€39,593	€39,593
Commission	€408	€223,585	€223,993
National Level contribution	€0	€22,200	€22,200
Assistance with provision of meeting rooms	€7,514	€0	€7,514
Secondment of Staff	€63,910	€0	€63,910
Deficit Year 2 (2006-2007)	€4,551	€0	€4,551
Contribution BIM (Office rental & Overheads)	€13,177	€0	€13,177
Total	€89,561	€285,378	€374,939

Year 4 - Summary

Final audited accounts

	Eligible Items
Income	€285,357
Expenditure	€285,357



Year 4 – Conclusions

- The final eligible expenditure was less than predicted (due to lower set of meetings and associated costs)



Year 6

Proposed way forward for the Budget

1/10/2010 -30/9/2011



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Year 6 – Proposed way forward for the budget

- Continue with the system of advance payments:
 - to avoid the application of the deficit of receipts rule
 - to ensure enough funding to start the working programme
 - invoices to be issued by July
 - payments to be received by mid August
- Balance of deficit for year 3 of €8,940
- Approval of the budget by the Executive Committee (8 September 2010)



Work Programme

Mid term report Year 5

Oct 2009 – April 2010

Executive Committee
CNPMM - Paris
7th July 2010



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7 NWWRAC Meetings held to date

- ❑ 1 General Assembly (Dublin, 28/10/2009)
- ❑ 1 Executive Committee (Paris, 29/1/2010)
- ❑ 3 Focus Groups:
 - Nephrops management VI and VII (Edinburgh, 3/11/2009)
 - Reform of the CFP (Madrid, 29/11/2009)
 - Management Plan for Haddock Vb & VIa (Edinburgh, 8/4/2010)
- ❑ 1 set of 4 Sub-regional Working Groups (Madrid, 2-4 March)
- ❑ 1 Horizontal WG on Marine Spatial Planning (Madrid, 4 March)



NWWRAC Opinions, Letters and Advice

Main areas of Work for this period:

- CFP Reform – Governance and role of the RACs
- EC Fishing Opportunities for 2010
- Data Quality for Stock Assessments
- Maritime Policy - Marine Spatial Planning
- Management Plans (e.g. Haddock, Nephrops, Hake...)
- Deep sea regime access and management
- Skates and Rays



NWWRAC Opinions, Letters and Advice

Mid-term report Year 5 (Oct 09 – Apr 10)

- ❑ NWWRAC Letter to Commission on State of Play of LTMP for West of Scotland Haddock (5/11/2009)
- ❑ NWWRAC Letter to Member States requesting data for West of Scotland Haddock stock assessments (5/11/2009)
- ❑ NWWRAC Opinion on Management of Sole for Division VIIe – Comments to STECF response to EC request (5/11/2009)
- ❑ Joint RAC Letter to Commissioner Borg, European Parliament and Member States in relation to adoption of Technical Conservation Measures Regulation (9/11/2009)



NWWRAC Opinions, Letters and Advice

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- ❑ NWWRAC Advice on Management Measures for Nephrops Stocks (11/11/2009)
- ❑ NWWRAC Letter on Survival Rates and Stock Status of Skates and Rays in Area VII; and Cod and Plaice in sub-area VIId (12/11/2009)
- ❑ NWWRAC Opinion on the Reform of the Common Fisheries Policy (18/12/2009)
- ❑ Letter to DG ENV in relation to participation of RAC members at WGs for the implementation of the MESFD (2008/56/CE) (1/3/2010)



NWWRAC Opinions, Letters and Advice

Mid term report Year 5 (Oct 09 – Apr 10)

- ❑ Letter to the Governments of Ireland and Northern Ireland in response to a joint submission in relation to regulatory (management and conservation) measures for Lough Foyle and Carlingford Lough (1/3/2010)
- ❑ Letter on Fisheries Data Deficiency to the Commission, Member States and scientific institutes (01/04/2010)



Calendar of forthcoming Meetings

(volcano permitting)

- ❑ Executive Committee – Brussels, May 7 (*postponed*)
- ❑ Sub-regional Working Groups – Paris, July 6-8
- ❑ Presentation of ICES Advice for 2011 – Paris, July 7
- ❑ Focus Group on Celtic Sea Cod – Paris, July 7
- ❑ Executive Committee - Madrid, September 8
- ❑ Focus Group on N. Hake - Madrid, September 9
- ❑ General Assembly + Focus Group on Socio-Economics – Dublin Castle, 27-28 October (TBC)





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