
Report from the Secretariat – Update on Work Programme Year 5 (Oct 2009 – Sept 2010)

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4 NWWRAC Meetings held to date

- 1 General Assembly:
 - Dublin, 28th of October 2009
- 1 Executive Committee:
 - Paris, 29th of January 2010
- 2 Focus Groups:
 - Nephrops management VI and VII - Edinburgh, 3rd of Nov 2009
 - Reform of the CFP - Madrid, 29th of November 2009



Calendar of Meetings for Year 5

- ❑ 4 Working Groups + HWGMSP – March 2-4, Madrid
- ❑ Executive Committee – May 6, Madrid (TBC)
- ❑ 4 Working Groups + HWG – July 6-8, Paris
- ❑ Executive Committee – September 7, Madrid
- ❑ General Assembly – Dublin, October (TBC)

- ❑ **3 more Focus Group to be agreed today!**



Year 5

Focus Groups: Terms of reference

- Funding for 5 Focus Groups (1/2 day duration each)
 - Max. 8 members per meeting
 - Already two booked (Nephrops management & CFP Reform)
- First period of call of interest finalised:
 - 3 applications received:
 - West of Scotland Haddock (WG1)
 - LTMP for Northern Hake (WG2)
 - Socio-economic aspects of fisheries management (WG4)
 - Final Selection
- Interpretation only if requested
 - funding availability / contributions in kind



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
- Technical Conservation Measures
- Discards
- Management Plans (e.g. Northern Hake, Haddock, Nephrops...)
- Deep sea regime access and management
- Skates and Rays



NWWRAC Opinions, Letters and Advice

First Quarter Year 5 (Oct 09 – Jan 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 First Quarter Year 5 (Oct 09 – Jan 10)

- ❑ 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)



NWWRAC work programme

- Proposed priority areas for NWWRAC for 2009-2010 (*extracted from the NWWRAC Work Programme for Year 5 presented to the Commission in August 2009*):
 - CFP Reform
 - Identify key issues and develop a response to the Commission's Green Paper
 - Work closely with fellow RACs in a Workshop on Governance / Decision-Making
 - Progress in work in 2010 and keep engaged in the debate on this topic.
 - Discarding and By-catch
 - Work with Commission to develop tangible ways forward in developing ways to reduce discards and improve selectivity while ensuring socio-economic viability for the fleets
 - Set up a focus group / workshop on discards for Area VII
 - Work with Commission to improve information on by-catch of cetaceans and/or birds to highlight problem areas and develop solutions to reduce by-catch.
 - Technical Conservation Measures
 - Work with Commission in amending the current regulation and developing a “fishery by fishery” approach and assist them to define those workable measures for each specific NWW sub-areas.
 - Quality of Scientific and Economic Data
 - Work with Scientists to improve data available to scientists for stock assessments
 - Attend all relevant ICES groups and workshops and carry on work (if need be) at focus group level
 - Liaise with national institutes / experts to obtain useful data and reports that can be used as background information for RAC meetings and feed into RAC advice

NWWRAC work programme

- Long-term Management Plans
 - Progress on work done up to date for several stocks (CS cod, northern hake, Vla haddock, VIIe sole...) and explore options and define a proposed way forward for “new” stocks (VIIa whiting, nephrops...)

- Marine Spatial Planning & Natura 2000
 - Follow up on Progress of MPAs/SACs/SPAs in NWWRAC areas
 - Review and respond to MSP document
 - Engage in consultations with national agencies with licences to other marine activities (e.g. wind farms, gravel, oil and gas industries...)

- Control and Enforcement
 - Work with Commission on simplification of legislation & “level playing field” rules
 - Work with CFCA to develop a culture of compliance and assist in development and roll out of work program in NWW area for 2010

- Common Markets Organization
 - Assist and provide advice to ACFA whenever required.



EC Work Programme 2009-2010

Legislative Acts – Regulations

- ❑ Amendments of 2010 Fishing Opportunities Regulation (1st qu. 2010)
- ❑ Specific access for fishing for deep sea stocks (2nd qu. 2010)
- ❑ Minimum criteria for labelling sustainable fishing on fishery products in the EU (2nd qu. 2010)
- ❑ Management Plans:
 - Application of Reg. 1342/2008 for cod stocks (3rd quarter 2009)
 - Multiannual plan for the stock of haddock Vb & VIa (2nd qu. 2010)
 - Multiannual Plan for Southern Hake and Nephrops (4th qu. 2010)



EC Work Programme 2009-2010

Legislative Acts – Regulations

- ❑ Deep sea stocks: Amendment of Reg. 2347/2002 (1st quarter 2010)
- ❑ Fishing Opportunities for Deep Sea species 2011-2012 (4th qu. 2010)
- ❑ Fishing Opportunities for certain stocks for 2011 (4th quarter 2010)
- ❑ Amendment of Western Waters effort regime (4th quarter 2010)
- ❑ Reform of COM in fishery and aquaculture products (4th quarter 2010)

EC Work Programme 2009-2010

Non Legislative Acts – Communications

- ❑ Action Plan for a European Marine Observation and Data Network – “EMODNET” (February 2010)
- ❑ Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2011 (May 2010)
- ❑ Maritime Spatial Planning in the EU (May 2010)
- ❑ Action Plan for reducing incidental catches of seabirds in fishing gears (4th quarter 2010)



ICES workplan for 2010

- ❑ V Meeting ICES-RACs (MIRAC) – Gdynia, January 26-27

- ❑ Benchmarking Workshops:
 - WKROUND - Round fish (Northern Hake): February 9-16
 - WKDEEP - Deep sea species: February 17-24
 - WKFLAT - Flatfish (Sole and Plaice): February 25 - March 4

- ❑ ICES advice on LTMPs for West of Scotland Haddock – February 2010?



ICES workplan for 2010

- ICES Working Groups
 - WG DEEP (Deep sea Fisheries Resources) – April 7-13
 - WGHMM (Southern Shelf - Hake, Monkfish, Megrim) – May 5-11
 - WGCSE (Celtic Seas Ecoregion) – May 12-20

- Data collection and integration
 - Working Group on Data and Information Management – May 25-27
 - Symposium on collection and interpretation of Fisheries Dependent Data: Galway, August 23-26

- Form and Format of ICES advice
 - Workshop on Implementing the MSY Approach – March 22-26
 - Workshop on Introducing coupled biological-economic modelling and risk Assessment into Management Tools – June 16-18



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