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## HORIZONTAL WORKING GROUP

Virtual meeting

**01 July 2021, 14:00 – 15:45 CET**

### PROGRESS ON ACTION POINTS FROM THE LAST HORIZONTAL WORKING GROUP MEETING MARCH 2021

1	Secretariat to draft a letter regarding the COM explanatory note on the fisheries control regulation revision, taking into account the Europeche open letter on the topic, and include the need to improve communication and engagement with the NWWAC, following the COM lack of involvement in the AC March meetings
	Submitted to COM 22/03, the points raised were addressed by the Director-General in the Inter-AC meeting on 05 May (report available on the NWWAC website).
2	Secretariat to invite a COM representative to the ExCom meeting on 12 March to discuss the explanatory note
	The Secretariat contacted the COM following the meeting and received a negative reply.
3	Secretariat to liaise with the COM on Inter-ACs meetings follow-up and preparation
	An Inter-AC meeting was held on 05 May and the COM presented on the revision of the Delegated Act regarding the functioning of the ACs. The COM has asked for submissions from the AC on questions/topics that need to be discussed. Members were contacted on 16 March for input and the Secretariat submitted the suggested NWWAC agenda points on 26 March. The next Inter-AC meeting will be held on 15 July and the COM will give an update on these.
4	ExCom to decide on a reply to the request for feedback on the draft Joint Recommendation on Red Seabream prepared by the NWW MSG
	Submitted to the MS on 19/03
5	Members are kindly asked to provide the Secretariat with feedback if and when attending ICES meetings.
6	Secretariat to start the planning of the MIAC 2022.
7	Secretariat to send a reminder to members regarding cetaceans bycatch project and further work on the topic.
	The secretariat attended both NSAC and PelAC meetings where presentations on this project were made. The latest communication from the organisers was received on 18 June in which the proposed meeting for 01 July was postponed to 09 September due to a delay in the EC publishing the new LIFE call. Regarding direct participation in this project it was established that this is up to individual member organisations and that the ACs/Secretariats will act as distributors of information.
8	Chair and Secretariat to decide a date for the next meeting of the FG LO

	See item 4 of this agenda
<b>9</b>	NWWAC to organize a meeting with EFCA to discuss the Joint Deployment Plans in progress this year. Organisation is being pursued of a meeting in September
<b>10</b>	NWWAC to organize a meeting with COM, EFCA and MS Control Expert Group to discuss the issue Article 27 TMR vs Article 15 CFP. Organisation is being pursued of a meeting on 29 September – not possible to organize this earlier due to COM and MS availability
<b>11</b>	ExCom to approve the list of questions on control issues TCA as distributed by the Control Focus Group. The list of questions was circulated on Tuesday 09 March. An additional query arose from the meeting of WG4 regarding the management of closed areas in relation of the TCA. Submitted to COM on 18 March.
<b>12</b>	Secretariat to add the draft NWWAC fisheries management chart prepared by the Focus Group Brexit on the website for members' review and suggestions. Update under FG Brexit
<b>13</b>	Secretariat to add the presentation on restructuring of the AC prepared by the Focus Group Brexit on the website. Members are requested to provide feedback prior to the ExCom meeting. The documents were made available online in the members area directly after the meeting. Final proposals will be discussed in the extraordinary GA.
<b>14</b>	Create a task force for the revision of the NWWAC Rules of Procedure and Statutes. The Task force was set up consisting of ExCom Chair and Vice-Chairs, and WG Chairs. It met 5 times and produced the documentation and proposals that will be presented in the extraordinary GA.
<b>15</b>	Secretariat to distribute the document on the draft elections' procedures. Available online in the Members Area 09/03, full updates are included in the new documents that will be presented at the extraordinary GA.
<b>16</b>	Secretariat to send a request for expression of interest/opinions on the possibility of an AC performance review (external/internal review). This has been put on hold due to the discussions within the Commission regarding performance reviews for all ACs. An update from the COM is expected at the next Inter-AC on 15 July.
<b>17</b>	Secretariat to launch a written consultation on the functioning of the Members Area. On hold - to be addressed in September
<b>18</b>	Discussion on UK observers participation at NWWAC meetings. Concluded in March ExCom meeting