

NWWAC Executive Committee

13 July 2021, 10:00 – 12:30 CET



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LES EAUX OCCIDENTALES
SEPTENTRIONALES

**NORTH WESTERN
WATERS**
ADVISORY COUNCIL

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10:00 – 10:05

1. Welcome and introductions

- Welcome from the Chair (Emiel Brouckaert)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda

10:05 – 10:30

2. Dialogue with DG MARE Director General Charlina Vitcheva

10:30 – 10:50

3. Action points:

- a. Action points from last meetings (11 March & 21 June 2021)
- b. Actions arising from Working Groups

10:50 – 11:20

4. NWWAC advice on Fishing Opportunities 2022

- a. Timeline
- b. Draft advice following discussions in WGs

11:20 - 11:35

5. NWWAC chart development

- a) Print version
- b) Online version

11:35 – 12:00

6. Information points (Secretariat)

- a. Update on Secretariat structure
- b. Budget status Y16
- c. Work Programme report Y16
- d. Grant application Y17

12:00 – 12:20

7. Elections of the ExCom

12:20 – 12:30

8. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

ExCom ACTION POINTS – 12 March 2021

1	ExCom to look at proposal in July to allow for contingency of operations of the NWWAC after the General Assembly in September 2021.
	To be discussed under item 7 of today's agenda
2	Establish a task force to review the rules of procedure with the following members: ExCom Chair and Vice-Chairs, WG Chairs and eventually another member to balance MS representation.
	The work of the task force has been concluded with the approval of the new RoP and Statutes
3	Secretariat to organize an additional ExCom meeting before July to discuss the work of the task force
	Done, meeting held on 21 June
4	Secretariat to investigate proposal for digitalization of the fisheries management chart
	Developments on this topic to be discussed under item 5 of today's agenda
5	Secretariat to contact members to positively use finances for the work of the AC.
	Done. No specific suggestion received, but support for the digitalisation of the fisheries management chart
6	Secretariat to contact members for input for the next Inter-AC agenda in May.
	Done, Inter-AC held on 5 May. Q&A with the COM available in the minutes and presentations on NWWAC website.

ExCom ACTION POINTS – 21 June 2021

1	Present both Proposal 1 and 2 for the restructuring of the Working groups to the GA on 01 July.
	Done at GA meeting 1 July – reflected in the new Statutes and Rules of Procedure
2	Bring forward the ExCom restructuring proposal to the GA on 01 July.
	Done at GA meeting 1 July – reflected in the new Statutes and Rules of Procedure
3	Bring forward the office holder restructuring proposal to the GA on 01 July.
	Done at GA meeting 1 July – reflected in the new Statutes and Rules of Procedure
4	Secretariat to circulate draft NWWAC statutes 2021 to members of the GA prior to the meeting on 01 July.
	Done
5	Secretariat to circulate draft NWWAC Rules of Procedure 2021 to members of the GA prior to the meeting on 01 July.
	Done
6	Secretariat to circulate a reminder and update to all members on the nomination for Chairperson of the NWWAC.
	Done
7	Secretariat to draft a new article on the roll-over of Chairmanship based on the previous discussion and circulate to ExCom members asap for comment before COB 21 June 2021.
	Done– reflected in the new Rules of Procedure

NWWAC Working Groups meetings

1, 2 and 5 July 2021

ACTION POINTS



Action Points Horizontal WG – 1 July 2021

- 1 Preparation of a written request to the Commission asking about the procedure when different TMRs are in place in UK and EU waters, and vessels crossing the line in between.
- 2 Members to inform the Secretariat of any other questions on the COM's presentation to eventually include in the above written request.
- 3 Set up Focus Group Landing Obligation to prepare advice on Fishing Opportunities 2022. (Timeline proposed for LO FG work to be presented under item 4 of today's agenda)
- 4 The Focus Group Brexit has completed its tasks and is handing over the fisheries management chart follow-up to the Secretariat, while the other Focus Groups continue as presented.
- 5 The Secretariat to circulate information on opportunities for collaboration with other ACs (deep sea mining, MSFD and use of blockchain in fisheries supply chains)
- 6 Members to send questions/comments on the presentation on the social dimension of the CFP to the Secretariat, as a basis for follow-up and eventual preparation of advice.
- 7 PGECON workshop 30-31 August, registry by 20 July, chairs of WS looking for experts – Secretariat to follow up and circulate information to members
- 8 The Secretariat to schedule more time for the next meeting of the Horizontal Working Group in September.

Action Points WG4 – 2 July 2021

- 1 Secretariat to follow up with DG MARE on the letter sent on TAC setting for cod and haddock in the Irish Sea.
- 2 Secretariat to follow up with DG MARE on the list of questions on control issues in relation to the TCA.
- 3 Secretariat to contact BIM experts to present on the results of trials for measures to improve the whiting stock at the September meeting of WG4.
- 4 Prepare a letter to the COM on the urgency of having cohesion between EU and UK technical measures.
- 5 Secretariat to share the document with UK Technical Measures and comparison with existing EU measures done by the MSG with all the NWWAC membership.
- 6 NWWAC to recommend the COM to request ICES that information on quality assurance is included in the advice sheet for each stock.
- 7 NWWAC to recommend the COM to request ICES a re-evaluation of the haddock stock in the Irish Sea after the autumn survey.
- 8 NWWAC to recommend the COM that the ecosystem approach is included in the ICES catch option table.
- 9 Secretariat to reach out to OIG members to ask if they would be interested in joining the group.
- 10 WG members shall send their nominations to the Secretariat for elections of a new Chair and Vice-Chair at the meeting in September.

Action Points WG3 – 2 July 2021

- 1 The Seabass Focus Group should be reestablished. Secretariat to contact former Chair and members to set up the first meeting and prepare the Terms of Reference.
- 2 Secretariat to draft a letter to the COM requesting ICES advice on the flyshoot fishery in the Channel, including the evolution of the use of gear, a comparison of LPUE/CPUE with demersal trawl, and a review of the status of the main non quota species.
- 3 WG members shall send their nominations to the Secretariat for elections of a new Chair and Vice-Chair at the meeting in September.

Action Points WG2 - 5 July 2021

- 1 NWWAC to recommend the COM to request ICES that information on quality assurance is included in the advice sheet for each stock.
- 2 NWWAC to recommend the COM to request STECF evaluation on the use of 100mm vs 120mm mesh for gillnets for haddock in the Irish Box.
- 3 Members to send feedbacks to the Secretariat on the name for WG1+2 and send nominations for new Chair and Vice-Chair to be elected at the meeting in September.

Action Points WG1 – 5 July 2021

- 1 NWWAC to recommend the COM to request ICES that information on quality assurance is included in the advice sheet for each stock.
- 2 Secretariat to draft a letter to the COM recommending that the identity issue related to the 6a cod and the North Sea cod is resolved. In the Fishing Opportunities advice, include a comment on importance of genetic information for the 6a cod and in general as a tool for the ICES assessment.
- 3 Secretariat to draft letter to the COM requesting to ask ICES whether the TAC constraints for haddock in the North Sea are also related to 6a haddock and, more in general, if there are differences in the mixed fisheries between the North Sea and area 6.
- 4 NWWAC to submit question during ICES benchmark for hake this Autumn in relation to variations in growth rates between males and females and how this can impact the yield (Secretariat to contact Jean-Marie Robert for the exact wording).