

NWWAC extraordinary General Assembly

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1. Welcome and introductions

Welcome from the President (Olivier Le Nezet)
Adoption of the agenda

2. NWWAC Statutes – discussion and approval (Emiel Brouckaert)

- i. Update area of competence
- ii. Restructuring of the Working Groups
- iii. Office holders
- iv. Collaboration with other ACs

3. NWWAC Rules of Procedure – discussion and approval (Emiel Brouckaert)

- i. Executive Committee membership
- ii. ExCom nominations procedure Year 17

4. Designation of new Chairperson of the NWWAC (Secretariat)

5. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the President

NWWAC Statutes



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Update Area of Competence

Letter from the Commission from 25 May

“...it seems appropriate that the NSAC, NWWAC and PELAC continue their work on EU-UK-NO matters and keep addressing fisheries management in the parts of the UK Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or fish stocks that are under their competence pursuant to Annex III. However, the area of competence of the NWWAC, which Annex III to the CFP Regulation defines as covering ICES zones V (excluding Va and only Union waters of Vb), VI and VII, should now be circumscribed to ICES zones VI and VII.”

NWWAC Working Groups restructuring proposals

1. Combine WG 2 Celtic Sea with WG 4 Irish Sea



2. Combine WG 1 West of Scotland with WG 2 Celtic Sea



NWWAC Working Groups restructuring proposals ctnd.

	Proposal 1 WG2 + WG4	Proposal 2 WG2 + WG1
Current no. of members WG2	25	25
Current no. of members WG4	5	
Current no. of members WG1		18
Combined no. of members	25	27
Loss in membership fees	-€1,250	-€4,000
Current no. of stocks WG2	17	17
Current no. of stocks WG4	6	
Current no. of stocks WG1		14
Combined no. of stocks	23	31

NWWAC Working Groups fee structure

General Assembly	€300
Executive Committee	€350
Regional Working Group	€250
Horizontal Working Group	free

NWWAC Office Holders

- Chairman of the NWWAC (ExCom and GA)
- 3 ExCom Vice-Chairs (2 industry, 1 OIG)
- 3 regional Working Group Chairs and Vice-Chairs (1 industry and 1 OIG each where possible)
- 1 Horizontal Working Group Chair and Vice-Chair (1 industry and 1 OIG each where possible)

Collaboration with other ACs

- “While all ACs are invited to stay in the remits of their area of competence as set out in Annex III to the CFP, other ACs with legitimate reasons to provide advice and recommendations to the Commission on EU-UK-NO matters should feel entitled to do so. With this in mind, the Commission will keep sending requests for advice to all ACs, independently of their area of competence, meaning that it is left to the initiative of the AC whether to intervene or not in a particular matter. In this perspective, we strongly encourage ACs having interests in such matters to coordinate in order either to determine on a case-by-case basis which AC should take over a specific topic or to produce joint advice when issues of common interest are identified, in line with the second indent of paragraph 2 of Article 44 of the CFP Regulation.” COM letter 25
May 2021

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Rules of Procedure



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NWWAC ExCom restructuring proposal

- Maintain number of ExCom members at 25 with 15 industry and 10 OIG
- Assign 1 UK seat to “other industry”, e.g. ETF, AIPCE-AGEP, Women in Fisheries etc.
- Assign 1 UK seat to Ireland based on the fact that only Ireland and France have actual coastlines within the NWWAC area of competence. Ireland is also the only MS to be represented in all current 4 and future 3 WGs.

	Number of members								
	Industry								OIG
	Total	BE	ES	FR	IE	NL	UK	Other	
current	25	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	10
proposed	25	2	2	3	3	2	0	3	10

NWWAC ExCom nominations procedure Year 17

18. General elections for Executive Committee membership
 - a. Election announcements shall be made by the Secretariat at the summer meetings (usually July).
 - b. Deadline for nominations shall be one month following the announcement.
 - c. Nominations must be made via email to the Secretariat.
 - d. The Secretariat shall collate the list of nominated organisations. If more nominations are received than seats available, the Secretariat shall communicate this to the respective college and ask for the college to resolve this issue internally in line with Art. 18 (e).
 - e. In accordance with the procedures identified in (EU) 2015/242 as amended by (EU) 2017/1575, both categories have the right to decide autonomously on their representation in the Executive Committee which shall be appointed by the General Assembly.
 - f. Results of the votes shall be announced at the General Assembly which then appoints the new Executive Committee.
 - g. Each member of the NWWAC may only occupy one seat in the Executive Committee.

Designation of the new NWWAC Chairperson



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