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NORTH WESTERN WATERS ADVISORY COUNCIL

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Dublin Castle, Dublin

Wednesday 17th September 2014

09.30 - 11.00

Chairman: Marc Ghiglia

Directors: Bertie Armstrong, Conor Nolan

Rapporteurs: Alexandre Rodríguez and Joanna McGrath

1. Welcome and introductions

1.1. Opening address by the Honorary President of the NWWAC, Marc Ghiglia

Marc Ghiglia, Honorary President of the NWWAC and Chairman of the General Assembly, welcomed all participants to the 10th Annual General Meeting and General Assembly of the NWWAC. The following apologies were noted:

- Michael Keatinge (NWWAC Director, Ireland);
- Barrie Deas (NFFO, represented by Tony Delahunty)
- Anton Dekker (Nederlandse Viserbond, The Netherlands);
- Paul Francoise (CDPMEM:14, France)
- Anne-Marie Kats (European Fish Processors Association, AIPCE)
- Luis Francisco Marín (OPPAO, Spain)
- Alan McCulla (ANIFPO, Northern Ireland) – WG4 Chair
- Jane Sandell (SFO, Scotland/UK) – WG1 Chair

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It was also noted by the Chair the following changes in the representatives of the organisations:

- Ross Dougal has been elected the new Chairman of the Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF) and therefore he will replace Alan Coghill as the main representative of SFF at the NWWAC.
- Luis Francisco Marín is the permanent representative of OPPAO following Victor Badiola's sick leave and retirement.

The complete list of participants is provided in Annex I.

1.2. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted without change or comment.

1.3. Adoption of the Agenda and Minutes of the last Meetings (September 2013 and March 2014)

Both the reports of the 9th AGM/GA ordinary meeting, held in Dublin on 18 September 2013, and the Extraordinary General Assembly/EGM, held in Dublin on 25 March 2014, were accepted as true records of the meetings and were approved without comment.

The President and GA Chair of the NWWAC gave the floor to the Chairman of the Executive Committee (ExCom) of the NWWAC (Bertie Armstrong) to continue the business of the meeting.

2. Annual report from the Chairperson of the NWWAC, Bertie Armstrong

The NWWAC and Executive Committee Chairman, presented the annual report for Year 9 (1 October 2013 – 30 September 2014) and the annual strategic plan (i.e. work programme) for Year 10 (1 October 2014 – 30 September 2015), in accordance with articles 19 and 38 of the NWWAC Rules of Procedure as amended in January 2013. The full content of the presentation from the Chairman is available on the NWWAC website¹.

¹ Link:

http://www.nwwac.org/fileupload/Papers%20and%20Presentations/2014/2_Annual_Report_NWWAC_Chairman_GA_Dublin_180914_EN.pdf

2.1. Overview of the Year 9 work programme (1 October 2013 to 30 September 2014)

The NWWAC Chairman provided a review of the meetings in Year 9 which were either held by the NWWAC or involved NWWAC participation. The review also included a list of the actions carried out in accordance with the work programme, as well as a summary description of the letters, opinions and advice, submitted by the NWWAC, during Year 9.

The Chairman highlighted the fact that the number of opinions and advice produced during the current financial year was slightly less than previous years. This was mainly due to the work involved in adapting to the new institutional framework as a result of the entry into force of the CFP Regulation (e.g. change in name of the RACs to ACs, regionalisation and implementation of landing obligation...).

The time and efforts invested by the Secretariat on the development of the new website was also recognised. The website is considered a main tool of communication between the NWWAC, its members and the public in general. Lastly, a more active involvement from the NWWAC in several initiatives of ICES (benchmark workshops, WGMARS...) as well as EU funded projects (e.g. GEPETO, GAP2, DAMARA) was noted.

2.2. Work priorities for Year 10 (1 Oct. 2014 - 30 Sept. 2015): adoption of work programme

The NWWAC and Executive Committee Chairman introduced this topic, stating that the work with Member States and the Commission in the implementation of the landing obligation and the development of management plans for mixed demersal fisheries in VI and VII, in close collaboration with relevant scientific experts, will be the two biggest challenges of the NWWAC in the next 3-5 years.

The Chairman summarised the main body of work for the NWWAC in the following seven key areas:

1. CFP reform – Main topics: MSY, implementation of LO, regional management, composition, functioning and funding of the ACs, control and compliance;
2. Mixed Fisheries multi-annual management plans (MAMPs) for areas VI-VII;
3. Quality of scientific and economic data (data limited stocks): work with ICES and national institutes to improve stock assessments;
4. New framework and regulation for Technical Conservation Measures;
5. Ecosystem Based Approach to Fisheries Management: links between MSFD and CFP;
6. Marine Spatial Planning (main focus on MPA);
7. Fishing Opportunities for Single Species (e.g. cod, haddock, whiting, northern hake, anglerfish, megrim, sole, plaice, nephrops, skates and rays, sharks...) and management of non TAC species (e.g. scallops, seabass...).

The NWWAC Chairman encouraged all members to provide their input and contributions as early as possible and assist the Secretariat with the necessary preparatory work in relation to their ideas or proposals to streamline NWWAC finances and expertise. Members were also encouraged to come forward with proposals to set up issue-based focus groups in Year 10, being aware of the budget constraints of the NWWAC. Any proposal for a Focus Group should be made through the Chairpersons of their respective Working Groups.

2.3. Proposed calendar of meetings for Year 10

The NWWAC and Executive Committee Chairman informed the members of a preliminary calendar of both confirmed and planned meetings for the remainder of 2014 and the first half of 2015. This calendar is available both on the NWWAC website and in the NWWAC work programme². The AGM and GA members approved the provisional calendar as a part of the annual strategic plan for Year 10, on condition that sufficient prior notice is given to allow members to plan their travel arrangements at minimum cost. It was a decision of the AGM and GA members that Focus Group meetings will be established, according to work priorities and budget availability, based on proposals coming directly from Working Groups. Where funding is not available, the Secretariat will seek sponsorship or financial support from public, national, regional and local authorities and/or private organisations.

Decision: Both the annual report of Year 9 and the annual strategic report for Year 10 (i.e. Work Programme including the calendar of meetings) were approved by consensus by the AGM and members of the General Assembly.

² The meetings calendar is available in the Chairman's presentation (see footnote 1)

3. Report from Secretariat on membership and budget

The Secretariat (Joanna McGrath; Executive Assistant - Finance and Administration), in accordance with articles 38 and 47 of the NWWAC Rules of Procedure, presented an overview of the membership and an overall budget update on behalf of the Chairman and the Secretariat.

3.1. Membership

The Secretariat (Ms McGrath) provided members with a brief overview of both the historical and current status of NWWAC membership. There has been a net increase of 7 members for Year 10, bringing the total membership up to 66.

The 8 new member organisations are:

- BirdWatch Ireland
- Fundació ENT (Spain)
- Dutch Elasmobranch Society (The Netherlands)
- PEW Charitable Trusts (EU)
- FREMSS (Spain).
- WWF UK - re-joined
- Wales and West Coast Fishermen PO (Wales - UK) - re-joined
- Mállaig FPO (Scotland – UK) – re-joined

There was one organisation that has left the AC in Year 10: CFTC from France.

Pending payment, Orkney FPO will effectively re-join the NWWAC in Year 10 which will bring the membership up to 67. Other changes worth noting: FFSPM (France) has been replaced by CDPMEM:14 and CAPSUD has become Pêcheurs d'Aquitaine.

There are 2 seats remaining vacant in the 1/3 (Other Interest Groups) of the Executive Committee.

Ms. McGrath also provided graphics on the variations in membership trends during the 10 years of the NWWAC's existence. The graphic overview included a breakdown, by category, of membership (i.e. GA, Ex.Com, WGs) since Year 1, as well as the current (Year 10) distribution of members from the fishing industry and the other interest groups. The WG membership has shown an overall increase in the last two years (Y9 and Y10).

The presentation is available for consultation on the NWWAC website³.

3.2. Budget: Review of the income and expenditure for Year 9

The Secretariat (Ms McGrath) provided an overview of income and expenditure in Financial Year 9 (1 October 2013 - 30 September 2014).

The main points made were as follows:

❖ Year 9 Income

- The NWWAC received the following eligible income: €200,000 from the European Commission; €25,830 from the contributions of six Member States; €56,237 from membership fees and a small amount of interest on the NWWAC deposit account.
- The final instalment of the EU grant (i.e. €50,000) will be paid in early 2015 and is dependent on the submission and approval of the final, audited financial accounts, as well as receipt of the final NWWAC Year 9 substantive report.

❖ Year 9 Expenditure

- The NWWAC is on target to spend as close as possible to 100% of the Year 9 budget.
- An Amendment to the Specific Grant Agreement for Year 9 was approved by the Commission in September 2014.
- The main differences between the revised budget and expenditure to date are due to costs associated with today's AGM (GA) meeting (e.g. interpretation, technical costs, catering, reimbursements, etc.).

The Secretariat (Ms McGrath) advised the General Assembly of the next steps involved in completion of the financial procedures relating to Year 9. The schedule presented included the submission of the audit certificate of the company accounts and the submission of a final financial and substantive report to the Commission by 31 January 2015.

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[http://www.nwwac.org/fileupload/Papers%20and%20Presentations/2014/3 Update NWWAC Membership Y9 Y10 17%20September%202014 v2.pdf](http://www.nwwac.org/fileupload/Papers%20and%20Presentations/2014/3%20Update%20NWWAC%20Membership%20Y9%20Y10%2017%20September%202014%20v2.pdf)

3.3. Proposed budget for Year 10: ratification

The Secretariat (Ms. McGrath) provided an overview of the estimated income and expenditure, divided into non-eligible and eligible categories, for the forthcoming financial year of the NWWAC (Year 10; 1 October 2014 – 30 September 2015).

The AGM and GA were informed that the provisional budget, as presented, had already been adopted in principle by the Executive Committee through email procedure and was expected to be submitted to the Commission, along with the grant application, before 30 September 2014.

The following points were made by the Secretariat (Ms. McGrath):

❖ Year 10 Income

- Regarding eligible income, as well as the Commission grant of €250,000, membership fees will contribute €56,100 to the eligible budget of Year 10. Member State contributions will contribute €26,970. This latter amount will consist of 5 contributions of €4,400 as well as a higher contribution from Spain to include the €570 which was deducted from their Year 9 contribution as a result of national budget cuts.
- The non-eligible amount of €115,235 from Member States is basically a benefit-in-kind which includes the cost of various meeting facilities provided by the Member States as well as the financial contribution from BIM towards overheads and rental costs, and also the time of the Executive Secretary and other supporting BIM staff. These contributions in kind are an essential element of funding for the NWWAC.
- The amount of €3,828 shown as non-eligible income from the Commission refers to reimbursement payments by the Commission for AC staff attendance at Commission meetings. It is a requirement of the Commission that this income is detailed in this manner.

❖ Year 10 Expenditure

- The eligible expenditure has been estimated as being similar to that of Year 9, with the most notable difference being an increase in Staff costs which includes Salary/fees for a Discard Plan Development Officer (duration: 4-6 months).
- Non-eligible expenditure has been estimated according to the non-eligible income.
- The Year 10 financial timeline runs to October 2014 when the Secretariat expects to receive the Specific Grant Agreement from the Commission.

Decision: The presentation ended with a request from the Chairman of the NWWAC (Mr Ghiglia) to the AGM and members of the General Assembly to ratify the Year 10 budget. The AGM and members of the General Assembly fully endorsed the proposed budget for Year 10 of NWWAC operations.

4. Election to NWWAC positions

The Secretariat (Alexandre Rodríguez – Policy and Communications) explained that the term of mandate for all NWWAC positions is 3 years. This includes the GA/Honorary President, the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairpersons, the members and the rapporteur of the Executive Committee; the Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons and Rapporteurs of the Working Groups; and the Secretariat.

The current term of office ends on 30 September 2014. The Secretariat provided two presentations on the procedures for the nomination of candidates at the NWWAC meetings in March (EGA/EGM) and July (Executive Committee) 2014; and it subsequently launched on 8 July a call for expressions of interest for all relevant positions by written procedure allowing a period of two months to the NWWAC members organisations to nominate and second another member organisation.

The elections for the following positions must take place in the GA/Executive Committee meetings and the appointed candidates will commence their term on 1 October 2014 with a term office that will run until the 30 September 2017.

It was also reminded that a substantial change has occurred in the composition of the NWWAC membership in the GA and Executive Committee, effective from 1 January 2014. In accordance with art 45 and Annex III of the new CFP Regulation (EU Regulation No 1380/2013), the Advisory Councils have now the following composition:

- 60% of seats for the GA/Executive Committee are allotted to (industrial and small scale) fishermen and other fishing sector representatives (processing, marketing, trade unions...).
- 40% of seats for the GA/Executive Committee are allotted to other groups of interest (environmental NGOs, consumer groups and recreational fishermen).

The ACs are still waiting on information regarding the implementing rules that will be laid out by the Commission through their delegated act, expected to be formally adopted soon, and which might set a limit for the maximum number of members of the Executive Committee.

The Secretariat (Alexandre Rodríguez) proceeded to inform the members on the applications received and the rules of procedure to be followed for each of the following positions.

The presentation is available for consultation on the NWWAC website⁴.

4.1. NWWAC Honorary President and GA Chairman

This position is open to all members of the General Assembly. The current President, Marc Ghiglia, decided not to stand for re-election. Olivier LeNezet (CRPMEM Bretagne) was proposed as a candidate for this position by four French organisations: ANOP, Pêcheurs de Bretagne, UAPF and CNPMEM. No other applications of interest were received within the designated deadline. The members were therefore asked to make any comments/objections and to take a decision.

Decision: Mr. LeNezet was elected as new NWWAC GA Chairman by unanimity with no objections and the support of the Spanish organisation ARVI-ANASOL (represented by Hugo González).

4.2. Executive Committee members

In view of the new 60:40 composition, the NWWAC has already informed the Commission of its preference for a maximum number of 30 Executive Committee members to ensure a wide and comprehensive representation of all stakeholders' interests.

The Secretariat (Alexandre Rodríguez) gave the floor to the DG MARE coordinator of the Advisory Councils, Ms. Evangelia Georgitsi, to explain the current status of the Commission's delegated regulation laying down detailed rules on the functioning of the Advisory Councils and the timeframe for its adoption. Ms. Georgitsi explained that a draft of the delegated act is now under discussion within the internal services of the Commission. Following several delays, it is now expected to be adopted within a matter of weeks.

Ms. Georgitsi also noted that, in accordance with article 46 of the CFP Regulation ("*Exercise of delegation*"), the European Parliament and the Council have a period of 2 months for formulating objections to this legal act before it enters into force, with the possibility to extend it for a further two months at their own initiative. The Commission expects in any case that the delegated act as presented raises no objections and can enter into force by the 1 January 2015 at the latest.

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http://www.nwwac.org/fileupload/Papers%20and%20Presentations/2014/Procedures_Election_NWWAC_Positions_Oct2014_Sept2017_EN.pdf

Regarding the number of seats, the current draft is suggesting a maximum number of 25 members for the Executive Committee, which could be increased up to 30 members if this is necessary to ensure the appropriate representation of small scale fleets. This will require prior consultation of and approval by the Commission.

The Secretariat (Alex Rodríguez) informed that, with a new 60:40 composition based on 25 seats, the fisheries sector would effectively lose 1 seat (from the current 16 to 15) and the other groups of interest would gain 2 seats (from the current 8 to 10).

A breakdown of the composition of the Executive Committee based on the present situation (24 members) is available in the NWWAC website⁵. Mr. Rodríguez informed that the Secretariat had received 23 nominations from the 24 existing member organisations of the Executive Committee:

- Fishing sector: Catching sub-sector (2 representatives per each of the 6 Member States):

CNPMEM (France) informed that Marc Ghiglia will replace André Gueguen as main representative.

OPPAO (Spain) informed that they would not stand for re-election for the second Spanish seat for the catching sub-sector. Four Spanish organisations (OPPAO, ANASOL-ARVI, EAFPA and OPP-07-LUGO) nominated and seconded Puerto de Celeiro S.A. OPP-77 (main representative: Jesús Lourido) to fill this seat.

- Fishing sector: other fishing groups (processors, marketing, trade unions...)

4 applications were received from the following organisations: European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions (EAFPA – Eduardo Míguez), AIPCE-CEP (Anne-Marie Kats), European Transport Federation (Bruno Dachicourt) and France Pêche Durable et Responsable (Jacques Bigot). However, in light of the new composition, there would only 3 seats allotted for this category.

A preliminary enquiry was also received from International Confederation of Sport Fishing (CIPS-FIPS). The New Under Ten Fishermen's Association (NUTFA) submitted a formal expression of interest. However, following deliberations with the Secretariat and given the limitation of available seats, NUTFA decided not to pursue their application at this stage until a final decision was made in relation to the number of seats and a clearer view on the representation of small scale fleets.

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http://www.nwwac.org/fileupload/Administration/NWWAC_ExCom_Membership_Breakdown_Y10_12_09_2014.pdf

- Other interest groups (environmental NGOs, anglers, consumers...)

WWF UK has yet to decide a designated NWWAC representative and has not been able to inform of its intention to stand for re-election as a member of the Executive Committee so they are not included in the election. With the new composition and assuming there will be 25 members, there would be 2 vacant seats available for the other interest groups to apply at a later stage.

In view of the above, the following two options were proposed by the Secretariat:

- Option 1 – Voting Procedure

The members shall vote for who will occupy the 3 seats in the “fishing sector other”.

- Option 2 – Postponement of decision in the absence of the delegated act

The current 24 member organisations will remain *ad interim* and the decision on the new members will be postponed until the new delegated act comes into force. An Extraordinary General Assembly/EGM will be held for the election of the Executive Committee members.

An increase in the number of seats will be requested to the Commission where justified to include an appropriate representation of small scale fleets.

Decision: Option 2 was accepted and elections for the members of the Executive Committee will be postponed until the EC delegated act laying out the detailed functioning of the Advisory Councils enters into force.

5. Procedure for the election to remaining positions

5.1. Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Executive Committee

- Chairperson

At the last Executive Committee meeting held in Edinburgh on 3 July 2014, it was agreed that the Chairman fees will be maintained for the Chairperson in compensation for the time worked for the NWWAC. In view of this, a tender procedure for a fixed-term (3 years) contract for services was launched by the Secretariat, in compliance with the Commission’s procurement rules.

A call of interest for applications was launched by electronic procedure (email) to all members of the AG on 8 July 2014, with a deadline of 1 September. Only one nomination was received, the one from the current Chair, Bertie Armstrong (Scottish Fishermen’s Federation).

An evaluation committee composed of 3-5 members of the NWWAC (+ Executive Secretary in observer capacity) has met and assessed the application received and will submit a recommendation to the Executive Committee members for decision.

- Vice-Chairs

The current 2 Vice-Chairs from the fishing sector, Jacques Pichon (ANOP-Pêcheurs de Bretagne) and Hugo González (ARVI-ANASOL), have expressed their interest in continuing and have received the correspondent nominations and secondments. From the Other Interest Groups, the eNGOs members of the NWWAC have nominated and proposed Liane Veitch (ClientEarth) as 3rd Vice-Chair.

There is no interest received for the position of rapporteur, so the Secretariat will continue performing this role.

Decision: Given that the new Executive Committee members have not been formally elected pending the entry into force of the delegated act, the GA members also agreed to postpone the decision on the new Chair and Vice-Chairs. As a result, the current Chairman, Bertie Armstrong, and Vice-Chairs will continue *ad interim*. Ms. Veitch might also be able to represent the other interest groups of the NWWAC provided a mandate is given to her on each meeting until a formal decision is adopted.

5.2. Working Group Chairs, Vice-Chairs and Rapporteurs

The Secretariat (Alex Rodríguez) informed the meeting of the applications received to date. He stressed that the process is still open for nominations and the office bearers will be elected at the next round of Working Group meetings to be held in Paris on 13 November:

Working Group 1 (West of Scotland and Western Approaches – ICES VIa)

Pending decision of continuity of the current Chair, Jane Sandell (SFO), given her change of work to other fisheries organisation, the rapporteur Kara Brydson (RSPB-Birdlife) has put forward her name to chair this Group in case Ms. Sandell finally leaves the NWWAC. Otherwise, Ms Brydson would be happy to be both the Vice-Chair and Rapporteur if there are no other candidates.

Working Group 2 (West of Ireland and Celtic Sea – ICES VIIbk except a,d,e)

Jesús Lourido (Puerto de Celeiro) and Paul Trebilcock (Cornish FPO – NFFO) announced to the Secretariat that they would be happy to team again as Chair and Vice-Chair + Rapporteur, respectively, for a further period of three years.

Working Group 3 (Channel – ICES VIIde)

Despite his announcement of resignation at the last Executive Committee meeting in Edinburgh, following discussions with the Secretariat, Daniel Lefèvre (CRPBN) has reconsidered his decision and would like to stand for re-election for a further period of 3 years, in order to complete pending work and coinciding with his expected retirement date.

Mr. Lefèvre apologised to the members for having reacted quite abruptly at the last meeting and hopes they will still be happy for him remaining as Chair.

Jim Portus (South & West FPO) would be willing to continue as Vice-Chair and rapporteur of WG3.

Working Group 4 (Irish Sea – ICES VIIa)

The current Chair, Alan McCulla (ANIFPO-NFFO), has decided not to stand for re-election and nominated Francis O'Donnell (Irish Fish PO) as his successor to chair WG4. Barrie Deas (NFFO) seconded Alan McCulla's nomination. Mr. O'Donnell accepted this nomination.

Following resignation from Tom Bryan-Brown and John Crudden, the Vice-Chair and the rapporteur roles for this WG4 are currently vacant.

6. Summary of actions agreed and decisions and closure of the meeting

The Chairman of the NWWAC summarised the actions generated at the AGM and GA, as follows:

DECISIONS

- Work Programme and calendar of meetings: The NWWAC annual report of Year 9 and the annual strategic report for Year 10 (i.e. Work Programme including the calendar of meetings) were approved by consensus by the AGM and members of the General Assembly.
- Budget: The AGM and members of the General Assembly fully endorsed the proposed budget for NWWAC Financial Year 10 (1 October 2014 – 30 September 2015).
- Elections to NWWAC positions:
 - Olivier LeNezet was elected as new Chairman of the General Assembly of the NWWAC for a term of office of 3 years.
 - The current 24 member organisations of the Executive Committee will remain *ad interim* and the decision on the new members will be postponed until the new Commission's delegated act laying out the detailed functioning of the Advisory Councils enters into force. An Extraordinary General Assembly/EGM will be subsequently called for the election of the Executive Committee members.
 - An increase in the number of seats for the Executive Committee will be requested to the Commission where justified to include an appropriate representation of small scale fleets.
 - Given that the new Executive Committee members have not been formally elected, the decision on the new Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Executive Committee shall be also postponed. As a result, the current Chairman, Bertie Armstrong, and Vice-Chairs will continue in office *ad interim*. Ms Veitch might also be able to act as representative of the other interest groups of the NWWAC provided a mandate is given to her on each meeting until a formal decision is adopted.

ACTIONS

The Secretariat will proceed to:

- Confirm those dates and venues that have been tentatively indicated for the last quarter of 2014 and first half of 2015 in the NWWAC calendar of meetings approved by the General Assembly together with the Work Programme for Year 10;
- Finalise all administrative and financial arrangements and paperwork related to the closing of accounts for the Year 9 budget and advance the work relating to the budget for Year 10 (as ratified by the General Assembly);
- Update the NWWAC rules of procedure and call for an Extraordinary General Assembly/EGM to do the necessary amendments and proceed with technical alignments in light of the new Commission's delegated act once this enters into force (e.g. number of members of the Executive Committee, reimbursement rules...);

The President of the General Assembly/AGM, Mr Ghiglia, thanked the attendees, the Secretariat for their work in preparing the meetings and presentations, the Irish Government and Dublin Castle authorities for hosting this event and the superb state-of-the-art facilities provided, and the interpreters for their professionalism and contribution to the success of the meeting.

The meeting closed at 11:00



Annex I. List of members and participating observers

GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS			
Member State	Organisation	Representative	Status
France	Union des Armateurs de la Pêche en France (UAPF)	Marc Ghiglia	NWWAC President
UK	Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)	Bertie Armstrong	NWWAC Chairman
Belgium	Rederscentrale	Emiel Brouckaert	GA Member
Belgium	Stichting voor Duurzame Visserij Ontwikkeling (SDVO)	Luc Corbisier	GA Member
EU	ClientEarth	Liane Veitch	GA Member
EU	European Anglers' Alliance (EAA)	John Crudden	GA Member
EU	European Association of Fishing Ports and Auctions (EAFPA)	Eduardo Míguez López	GA Member
EU	European Bureau for Conservation and Development (EBCD)	Konstantinos Kokosis	GA Member
EU	European Transport Federation (ETF)	Bruno Dachicourt	GA Member
EU	Seas at Risk Organisation	Debbie Crockard	GA Member
EU	The Pew Charitable Trusts	Andrew Clayton	GA Member
France	Association Nationale des Organisations de Producteurs (ANOP)	Jacques Pichon	GA Member
France	Comité National des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins	Caroline Gamblin	GA Member
France	Comité Départemental des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins du Finistère	René-Pierre Chever	GA Member
France	Comité Départemental des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins des Côtes d'Armor	Sylvie Roux	GA Member
France	Comité Local des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins de Bayonne	Serge Larzabal	GA Member



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS			
Member State	Organisation	Representative	Status
France	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins de Basse Normandie	Daniel Lefèvre	WG3 Chairman
France	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins de Bretagne	Olivier LeNezet	GA Member
France	Comité Régional des Pêches Maritimes et des Élevages Marins du Nord / Pas de Calais / Picardie	Delphine Roncin	GA Member
France	Coopératives Maritimes Etaploises et Armement Coopératif Artisanal Nord (CMEOP)	Dominique Thomas	GA Member
France	Copeport Maree OPBN	Richard Brouzes	GA Member
France	France Pêche Durable et Responsable	Thierry Leprêtre	GA Member
France	Organisation des Pêcheries de l'Ouest Bretagne (OPOB)	André Gueguen	GA Member
Ireland	BirdWatch Ireland	Melanie Gomes	GA Member
Ireland	Irish Fishermen's Organisation (IFO)	John Lynch	GA Member
Ireland	Irish Fish Producers' Organisation (IFPO)	Francis O'Donnell	GA Member
Ireland	Irish Seal Sanctuary (ISS)	John Woodlock	GA Member
Ireland	Irish South and East Fish Producer's Organisation (IS&E FPO)	Caitlín Uí Aodha	GA Member
Ireland	Irish South and West Fish Producer's Organisation (IS&W FPO)	Eibhlin O'Sullivan	GA Member
Ireland	Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation	Sean O'Donoghue	GA Member
Netherlands	Stichting van de Nederlandse Visserij / Dutch Fisheries Organisation (SVNV)	Geert Meun	GA Member



GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEMBERS			
Member State	Organisation	Representative	Status
Spain	Asociación Nacional de Armadores de Pesca de Gran Sol (ANASOL-ARVI)	Hugo C. González García	GA Member
Spain	Fundación Rendemento Económico Mínimo Sostible e Social	Severino Ares Lago	GA Member
Spain	Fundación ENT	Miquel Ortega	GA Member
Spain	Lonja de La Coruña S.A.	José Luis Otero Gonzalez	GA Member
Spain	Organización de Productores Pesqueros de Lugo (OPP-7)	Mercedes Rodríguez Moreda	GA Member
Spain	Pescagalicia-Arpega-Obarco	Juan Carlos Corrás Arias	GA Member
Spain	Puerto de Celeiro S.A. OPP-77	Jesús Angel Lourido García	WG2 Chairman
UK	Cornish Fish Producer's Organisation Ltd. (CFPO)	Paul Trebilcock	GA Member
UK	Mallaig and North West Fishermen's Association (MNWFA)	Thomas Bryan-Brown	GA Member
UK	New Under Ten Fishermen's Association (NUTFA)	Dave Cuthbert	GA Member
UK	Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), representing Birdlife International	Kara Brydson	GA Member
UK	Scottish Fishermen's Federation (SFF)	Ross Dougall	GA Member
UK	South & West Fish Producers' Organisation (SWFPO)	Jim Portus	GA Member
UK	Scottish White Fish Producers' Association Ltd. (SWFPA)	Mike Park	GA Member
UK	West of Scotland Fish Producers Organisation (WSFPO)	Kevin McDonnell	GA Member



GENERAL ASSEMBLY OBSERVERS			
First Name	Last Name	Organisation	Status
John	Anderson	SEAFISH	Observer
Stéphan	Beaucher	Fisheries Consultant	Observer
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