



**North Western Waters Advisory Council
Working Group 2 (WG2)
West of Ireland and Celtic Sea**

**Thursday 23 April 2015
1100hrs – 1230hrs
Bilbao Exhibition Centre, Bilbao**

**Chairman: Jesus Lourido
Rapporteur: Paul Trebilcock**

1. Welcome

• Apologies

Apologies were noted from Michael Keatinge (NWWAC Secretariat), David Milly (represented by Aurelien Henneveux), Francis O'Donnell (IFPO), Jacques Pichon (represented by Thierry Guigue) and Maria Reiriz (Wales and West Coast PO)

The Chairman welcomed Rachel Laguire representing O.P. COBRENORD.

• Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted by consensus.

• Adoption of the Report of the Last Meeting

The report of the previous meeting, held in Paris on 13 November 2014, was approved as a true and accurate record.

2. Landing Obligation

Members of WG2 considered the progress made by the NWW AC on this issue. The drafting group papers produced by the NWW AC were considered good work in progress and this issue

would clearly remain as a key item for discussions at both WG level and NWW AC Executive Committee level in the future.

It was noted that WG1 had already discussed this issue and WG2 supported the principles/recommendations coming out of that WG meeting on this issue (WG1 meeting report available on NWW AC website for information.)

There were a number of additional and specific issues related to WG2 raised:

- It was important that the formal adoption of the omnibus regulation happen in time for 1 January 2016 as this could have significant implications in some fisheries, e.g. certain hake fisheries in western waters, if not adopted in good time.
- There needed to be more consideration and clarification given to transboundary issues (i.e. when vessels fished in two or more areas within a trip and/or within a year which rules would apply).
- There needed to be more consideration and clarification given to multi fishery issues (i.e. when vessels fished with two or more different gears and/or targeted different species within a trip and/or within a year which rules would apply).
- *De minimus* and high survivability derogations required further exploration and particular consideration in the short term should be given to whiting and nephrops in Celtic Sea.

WG2 continued to support the efforts and work of the NWW AC drafting group on this issue and any further comments/issue would be transmitted to the group directly.

ACTION: WG2 recommends that the drafting group established by the NWW AC on the Landings Obligation considers the issues raised above.

3. Multi-Annual Plans (MAPs)

The Commission briefly introduced and summarized its pre-consultation discussion paper (full paper is available on the NWW AC website for information).

MAPs are considered important within the context in the reformed CFP. They are seen as an important tool for improving stability/predictability for all stakeholders and it is hoped they can help to avoid large swings in TACs from year.

STECF is currently evaluating proposals but this work is at an early stage and is ongoing. When an up-to-date document is available it will be passed to the AC for comments.

There should be consideration of which species/areas/fisheries might benefit from MAPs. It was felt that cod/haddock/whiting fisheries in the Celtic Sea would be a logical place to start.

Concern was raised that the fisheries in NWW AC region were complex ultra-mixed fisheries therefore the development of MAPs would be challenging. It was important that the weakest stocks/species (or those that lacked data) did not drive/define the development process.

It was suggested that the approach that had been taken in the North Sea on MAPs would be appropriate in the NWW AC region as well. A stakeholder meeting (or series of meetings) with Commission, managers, scientist and AC members should be arranged. It would be desirable to have a working document in advance to ensure the meeting was as productive as possible.

ACTION: WG2 recommends that a stakeholder group be established to consider/advise on the development of MAPs.

4. Summary of Actions and Proposals to be put Forward to the Executive Committee

ACTION: WG2 recommends that the drafting group established by the NWW AC on the Landings Obligation considers the issues raised above.

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Annex 1: Participants list

Members		
Jesús A.	Lourido García	Puerto de Celeiro S.A. OPP-77
Paul	Trebilcock	Cornish Fish Producers Organisation
Bertie	Armstrong	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
Emiel	Brouckaert	Rederscentrale
René-Pierre	Chever	CDPMEM du Finistère
Juan Carlos	Corrás Arrias	Pescagalicia Arpega Obarco
Debbie	Crockard	Seas at Risk
John	Crudden	European Anglers Alliance
Dave	Cuthbert	New Under Ten Fishermen's Association
Barrie	Deas	National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
Marc	Ghiglia	Union des armateurs de la pêche en France
Hugo	González	Asociación Nacional de Armadores de Pesca de Gran Sol
Thierry	Guigue	Association Nationale des Organisation des Producteurs
Aurélien	Henneveux	Pêcheurs d'Aquitaine
Rachel	Lagiere	OP COBRENORD
John	Lynch	Irish Fishermen's Organisation
Luis Francisco	Marín	Organización de Productores de Pesca de Ondarroa
Sean	O'Donoghue	Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation
Miquel	Ortega Cerdá	Fundació ENT
Eibhlin	O'Sullivan	Irish South & West FPO
José Luis	Otero	Lonja de la Coruña S.A.
Mercedes	Rodríguez Moreda	OPP-07-LUGO
Observers		
John	Anderson	Scottish Fishermen's Organisation
Richard	Brouzes	OPBN
Nuala	Carson	DEFRA
Andrew	Clayton	The Pew Charitable Trusts
Gonzague	De Moncuit	Ministère de l'écologie, du développement durable et de l'énergie
Paul	Françoise	CDPMEM 14
Marta	García Merchán	Ministerio de Agricultura, Alimentación y Medio Ambiente
Robert	Griffin	European Commission
Daniel	Lefèvre	CRPMEM de Basse Normandie
Laurent	Markovic	European Commission
Justyna	Niewolewska	The Pew Charitable Trusts
Glenn	Quelch	European Fisheries Control Agency
Johnny	Woodlock	Irish Sea Sanctuary
Ross	Dougal	Scottish Fishermen's Federation
Irene	Kingma	Dutch Elasmobranch Society
Sara	Vandamme	ILVO
Edward	Fahy	Irish Seal Sanctuary
Tristram	Lewis	Oak Foundation
AC Secretariat		
Conor	Nolan	Executive Secretary
Barbara	Schoute	Deputy Executive Secretary
Joanna	McGrath	Executive Assisstant - Finance and Administration