



## DRAFT MINUTES

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Virtual meeting | 13 July 2021

#### 1. Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed all participants and in particular Director-General Charlina Vitcheva. No apologies were received, and the agenda was adopted.

#### 2. Dialogue with DG MARE Director General Charlina Vitcheva

The Chair thanked Ms Vitcheva for accepting the NWWAC invitation and gave an overview of the issues the secretariat collected from ExCom members on which hearing DG MARE's views would be appreciated:

- DG MARE's communication on Fishing Opportunities 2022;
- Impact of climate change on stocks and fisheries management;
- NWWAC involvement in the work of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries;
- Space for fisheries and its food production linked with the Blue Economy and Biodiversity objectives;
- Impact of revised control regulation on EU food production and imports;
- EMFAF & BAR implementation.

Ms. Vitcheva opened with the statement that the Commission is currently in a very dynamic period with a lot of processes going on and many new developments. She expressed the hope that this discussion and also the Inter-AC meeting on 15 July can contribute to the drafting of the NWWAC's work programme in an updated context. The Commission attributes a high importance to the contributions of the Advisory Councils. They are essential to the Commission, and Ms. Vitcheva thanked the members for the great work they are doing.

Referring at COM(2021)279 from DG MARE Ms. Vitcheva mentioned the progress made, specifically on two aspects, i.e., the achieving of sustainable fishing activities by EU fleet, and also its socio-economic performance. It also addresses the implementation of the Landing Obligation. Progress continued in all sea basins, but more work still needs to be done across all EU waters. Further efforts are needed especially in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea where fishing mortality remains at around twice the sustainable level. This impacts the whole EU fisheries sector due to public perception. There is a need to work together to advance proportionally everywhere.

Part of the Communication's assessment is also the impact of the COVID pandemic on the fisheries sector with a decrease of approx. 17% seen in landed value. In this context the Commission's measures through the EMFF amendments provided very rapid support and the sector's feedback overall is very positive regarding this timely reaction. Under this amendment €136 million are set



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aside for this. Despite the crisis, the economic situation is not as dramatically affected as in many other sectors. Most importantly, the EU fleet remained profitable with a net profit of approx. €800 million and a net profit margin of 14%. There are of course differences across fleet categories and fishing regions, but overall, this indicates a remarkable resilience of the sector and probably the appropriateness of the policy measures, as well as the sustainability of the fisheries managed. Measures must be further strengthened to make fisheries even more resilient.

On the Landing Obligation, compliance is not at the best level possible and remains an issue. Further effort is needed in terms of control and enforcement to reach the LO objectives. Ms. Vitcheva says it is known what the effective tools are, including REM. It is also known that other measures can add an administrative burden and will not be cost-efficient enough to contribute to reaching the objectives of the LO. Some good progress is noted in terms of projects to increase the selectivity. There is groundwork where the fishers and the sector themselves are very committed to have fishing gear and techniques that are more sparing, unwanted bycatches can be reduced, and that through selectivity the LO can work much better.

This Communication also introduces the orientations for the future, especially for the Fishing Opportunities 2022. In the north-East Atlantic the proposals will aim at working further towards reaching MSY, so a similar level of ambition as in the previous year. This is also the aim for stocks shared with third countries, which is the novel aspect in this year's Communication. A huge number of stocks are shared with third countries and the commission does not want to reduce its level of ambition regarding these. Looking at the achievements in 2021 these important CFP objectives can be reached with third countries as well. The vast majority of NWW stocks are shared with the UK, and continued working together with the UK in a cooperative spirit will be required.

The guidance on this from the TCA is not yet concrete, however, it still gives the bigger framework and the Commission remains fully committed to achieving MSY. If no MSY advice is available the precautionary approach must be used and the Commission is very serious with regards to the precautionary approach in order to follow the best scientific advice. There is guidance by the Multi Annual Plans, taking into account mixed fisheries dimensions, choke risks and also socio-economic considerations, even if the MSY itself as a concept already takes on board the socio-economic considerations as it presents a balance within sustainability that can ensure the viability and profitability of the sector. So, the Commission has a very high level of ambition and, for the moment, a good level of alignment with the UK, but more effort is needed as just one annual exercise is not enough to judge the future.

The Biodiversity Strategy will use existing EU legal tools under the CFP as well as existing environmental legislation, as well as developing new ones such as legally binding nature restoration targets. For the latter, the legislative proposal will be put forward towards the end of this year, and we look forward to receiving input from the ACs regarding advice, information and analysis.

For the CFP, this means implementation and enforcement of existing legislation, for example the Multi Annual Plans and particularly the new Technical Measures Regulation. The Commission will report on the implementation of this regulation during the summer. On the basis of this report and a subsequent stakeholder consultation an action plan will be prepared by early next year. Ms. Vitcheva mentioned that the public is very sensitive on this.



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One of the most debated elements of the Biodiversity Strategy is the commitment for the protection and effective management of at least 30% of the European seas. The MPA target should be achieved at the level of EU marine regions. This allows for greater protection to be given to the most sensitive habitats as the MPAs are targeted at sensitive habitats and sensitive species. The Commission is more and more confident that this can be achieved by 2030 because already sees that the number of MPAs has doubled over the last 5 years, and many Member States already pledged to comply. Everything will be based on best available science and the ACs' input on balanced measures will be very important and very welcome. We need effective and proportionate measures, and we need a coherent network to be implemented. In addition, we have 10% more strictly protected areas, in which only limited and strictly controlled activity should be allowed. The Commission is currently working with MS experts and the EU Environment Agency on developing more precise criteria. These will be translated into a guidance for the additional designation of protected areas, as well as being used as a basis for a coherent approach to implementing MPAs and especially strictly protected areas. There is a lot at stake regarding credibility on this topic, and fishers quite often seem to put forward a defensive approach. This has to be addressed to influence the public opinion. The Commission, as an EU service, and the Advisory Council as an industry and NGO stakeholder representative, both have a role to play in this and have to work together on this exercise. There is no way that we can be lax on the Biodiversity Strategy.

Climate Change is at the heart of the Green Deal and is one of the headline ambitions for all the EU institutions and the MS. The recently adopted Adaptation Strategy takes the ocean dimension into consideration, including fisheries. Directly in relation to this Ms. Vitcheva thanked the NWWAC for the comprehensive advice on ocean management sent this May. It provides a detailed overview of the impact of climate change on fisheries in the NWW and the associated challenges. Climate change in the oceans presents a real threat regarding ecosystem disturbance, e.g. reduced productivity, change to species distribution and composition. Unfortunately, clear scientific advice is still lacking, and there is no data or direct link at the moment. It is still very difficult to forecast for this, which makes it very important to bolster resilience of marine ecosystems by reducing the fishing mortality at least to a level compatible with MSY and the precautionary advice. At the same time, it is important to embark on fisheries management that will lead to blue carbon sink as we have to count on the carbon sink capacity of the ocean which now takes 25 % of the carbon which is often forgotten. An active policy is required for climate change mitigation. This is linked to the success of updated Arctic Policy, if we do not succeed here, we will not succeed with climate change mitigation.

The CFP already has tools to tackle climate change. Climate change mitigation and factoring in climate change must be covered in the next CFP report, as further action and analysis are necessary. This report will be published by the end of 2022. The Commission is looking at two aspects: one on impact of climate change on fisheries activity and the other on the climate footprint of the fisheries sector.

The Control Regulation is still very high on the agenda, with the two co-legislators having reached decision. The dialogue is starting now. It is required to be future proof and to understand that this is also matter of accountability and credibility. Backtracking is no option, e.g. it cannot be said that the margin of tolerance can be relaxed now that we have better tools for data and reporting. AC advice on the feasibility of implementation will be expected.



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EMFAF will enter into force this week. There are a lot of new elements. Efforts must be increased to help with the green and digital transition, modernisation of the sector, increasing its resilience and making it more future proof. Regarding the pandemic, the new EMFAF allows for new measures linked to crisis situations. For the moment the Commission sees no significant disruption to continuing the measures that were put in place last year, but a shift is possible at any time if such decision is needed.

The Brexit Adjustment Reserve is moving very well. Guidance was issued in March regarding measures that are compliant with state aid rules to mitigate against the impacts and consequences of Brexit. Looking at how to use this should be a joint effort.

The key regarding Brexit is to continue the very good cooperation with the MS and with the UK that we had in the first annual exercise. A first meeting of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries is planned on 20 July.

Ms. Vitcheva finished by thanking the NWWAC for the very high commitment and expressing the hope to continue the fruitful dialogue.

Sean O'Donoghue: In relation to Brexit, TCA and SCF, and the technical measures in both areas, the UK has issued a unilateral letter on this. We seem to be heading towards having different Technical Measures across imaginary boundaries which the fish do not recognise. It would make life impossible for fishers to fish if there are two different regimes. What assurance is there that this will not be an issue going forward?

Director-General Vitcheva: Our policy is to keep our regime as much aligned as possible with the UK. There is now a very cooperative spirit with the UK, but we have to be realistic because the UK will enjoy their regulatory autonomy. The TCA clearly stipulates the autonomy of each party to introduce measures, but there is an endeavor to work together to have an alignment, however, there is no obligation. The SCF will be the format for this collaboration. The first exercise for the Fishing Opportunities 2021 was very difficult. It is huge achievement that all the special conditions that were attached in previous years were more or less taken forward. This is not granted for the next time, and we will try to anticipate as much as possible any of the measures and any critical elements in these negotiations to avoid another 4 months of discussions as this is not sustainable for the annual cycle. The two parties have an obligation to inform the other party as early as possible, and before the implementation starts. So far, we have a relative reassurance that we are going in the same direction. However, in the Celtic Sea the UK have ambitions to have their own measures. On the other hand, we also have ideas for going ahead with some Joint Recommendations by the MS which are not to the liking of the UK, for example the Scallops in the Channel. We will have a process where the two parties will try to have their own initiatives, but also alignment with each other where possible. This is not an exceptional situation, as we have the same situation with Norway and other third countries.

Julien Lamothe: There seems to be a lot of focus on the environmental impacts of fisheries compared to other sectors, not sufficiently taking into account the social aspects and the contributions made by the seafood sector specifically during this time of crisis for example with



regards to food security. This would seem like a good time to create a specific model to allow the analysis of the impact regarding food to reach the resilience we are seeking as well as in view of access to food resources. We also see the role of the AC in the management of fisheries in the consequences of Brexit. I feel that as an AC we see a lack of involvement from the Commission, we draft the advice but have less and less Commission representatives at our meetings, which in my opinion is weakening our contribution to the debates. The ACs also have rather scarce means to develop adequate advice based on scientific data. there is a general lack of means and resources for in depth studies between the various organisations and the STECF for example. We need to adapt to the new context but I am not sure what the role of the ACs will be.

Director-General Vitcheva expresses her disagreement with the statement on the involvement of the Commission: We take your recommendations quite seriously as long as they are in alignment with the CFP. We have undertaken the exercise of changing the Delegated Act in order to make the ACs a more representative forum and to clear away some of the obstacles that were identified by members and specifically the NGOs. The role of the ACs will remain key for us. I will make myself available for other meetings with this AC as well.

Patrick Murphy: In respect of the BAR, will the amendments to state aid rules be introduced so industry can access the funds? All the Commission's aspirations for the fisheries are critical, and we should have funding to address all the challenges coming towards the sector including the climate change and displacement from the MPAs.

Director-General Vitcheva: For the state aid regime we provided guidance for all measures possible and that can be demanded through the BAR. This document was forwarded to the MS and can be presented to the AC. The programming exercise for EMFAF is being taken forward by the MS, and I would advise you to inform your constituencies to participate in the consultations in their countries as this is very much shared management. There is a much higher degree of flexibility regarding the types of measures to be entered into the programme and to be financed. Climate change and resilience are one of the main objectives we want to achieve with this programme.

The Chair thanked Ms. Vitcheva for her useful input and participation.

**ACTION:** Content of the DG's statement above to be taken into account if and when preparing advice on the different topics addressed.

### 3. Action points

#### a) Action points from the last ExCom meetings

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 digitalization 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.
<b>21 June 2021</b>	
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

#### b) Actions arising from the Working Groups

<b>Horizontal Working Group</b>	
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 are crossing the line in between.
2	Members to inform the Secretariat of any other questions on today's presentation from the COM to eventually include in the above written request.
3	Question (and reply) on article 12 of the North Sea MAP, to be followed up in WG 3.
4	Set up Focus Group Landing Obligation to prepare advice on Fishing Opportunities 2022.
5	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.
6	The Secretariat to circulate information on opportunities for collaboration with other ACs (deep sea mining, MSFD and use of blockchain in fisheries supply chains)
7	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.
8	PGECON workshop 30-31 August, registry by 20 July, chairs of WS looking for experts – Secretariat to follow up and circulate information to members
9	The Secretariat to schedule more time for the next meeting of the Horizontal Working Group in September.
<b>WG1 WEST OF SCOTLAND</b>	
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).
<b>WG2 CELTIC SEA</b>	
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
<b>WG3 CHANNEL</b>	
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.
<b>WG4 IRISH SEA</b>	
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.

For the HWG, the Chair adds the updates received from the different FGs:

- The Climate and Environment FG is preparing an NWWAC response on the EMFAF engine consultation for which the secretariat obtained an extension of the deadline;
- The Brown Crab FG is cooperating with MAC and NSAC to prepare an extensive advice;
- As is the S&R FG in combination with the NSAC;
- The control FG is looking forward to meetings to be organized with COM and EFCA in September
- And the Brexit FG filed its final report to the HWG leaving the secretariat to work on an informative chart of the NWWAC area.
- On WG3 the Chair enquires whether the re-establishment of the Sea Bass FG should be addressed with the NSAC as the former joint FG. On the request to the Commission regarding the ICES assessment of the Flyshoot fishery, he points out that this item is also addressed in the NWW MSG and this should be taken into consideration. Geert Meun comments that an evaluation of the number of vessels by MS and their effort should be included.

Subsequently ExCom approves all actions arising from the Working Groups as stipulated above.

Chair: I would ask the Secretariat to plan these action points and see to what extent they can be combined to restrict the number of communications / draft documents to be approved by ExCom, via written procedure.

Sean O'Donoghue: In the AC advice on the ICES scientific advice, the Total Assessment Framework (TAF) should be mentioned.

Chair: As decided at the extraordinary General Assembly meeting, this was the last time that action points are presented from five working groups. The new structure consists of one Horizontal Working Group and three geographical ones:

- WG1 Irish Sea
- WG2 Celtic Sea and West of Scotland
- WG3 English Channel





Elections are scheduled for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for these four Working Groups. A thank you to the current Chairs.

**ACTION:** Secretariat to analyse action points and identify which can be combined and/or include in the advice on Fishing Opportunities 2022.

#### 4. NWWAC advice on Fishing Opportunities 2022

- a. Timeline: A first meeting of the Focus Group Landing Obligation is scheduled for 15 July followed by a second meeting between the 26 and 30 July. The draft advice can be finalised by electronic procedure if needed. The final draft advice should be sent to the HWG no later than 10 August. After the HWG has reviewed the document, it will be sent to the ExCom for approval no later than 20 August. Deadline for ExCom approval is 30 August.
- b. Draft advice following discussions in WGs: The draft will include the points raised in the WG meetings at the beginning of the month.

#### 5. NWWAC chart development (Secretariat)

Please also see the presentation available online [here](#).

- a) Print version: The Secretariat is finalising the translations for the print chart following which the chart will be printed and distributed to NWWAC members hopefully later in the summer.
- b) Online version: The project is taking a lead from two available online examples by BIM and ILVO. As this is a costly project it is vital to identify the details and establish what is of most value to the members. Thus, the Secretariat is looking for a scoping study to be carried out in which all members would be contacted for their thoughts and comments regarding data that needs included. The outcomes of this scoping study include:
  - a) Definite list of criteria for inclusion in GIS based application based on NWWAC members' responses
  - b) Clear overview of data availability (sources, formats etc), needs for additional data conversion and collaboration opportunities with existing web GIS providers
  - c) Potential for linkages for other Advisory Councils to be included
  - d) Estimation of ultimate project development cost
  - e) Estimation of project maintenance cost

**ACTION:** Members are encouraged to visit both <http://www.fisheriesmanagementchart.ie/> and <https://www.geofish.be/> to review these applications and to identify what features and tools would be the most useful for inclusion in an NWWAC application.



## 5. Information points (Secretariat)

a. Update on Secretariat structure: A redundancy occurred within the Secretariat as it was established that there was insufficient work to carry on the role of Executive Assistant Finance & Administration. The relevant responsibilities have been redistributed, and the Secretariat is examining the possibility of establishing a new technical role from January 2022.

Patrick Murphy: Can the Secretariat please convey my thanks to Monica for her work in the Secretariat and wish her the best in her future endeavours.

- b. Budget status Y16: please see the presentation [online](#)
- c. Work Programme report Y16: please see the presentation [online](#)
- d. Grant application Y17: please see the presentation [online](#)

The proposed budget and work programme for Year 17 were pre-approved for submission to the Commission as part of the grant application.

**ACTION:** Secretariat to submit grant application for Year 17.

The Secretariat has identified several items in relation to the NWWAC Company with Limited Guarantee. To fully update all members on the details of the requirements under Irish company law for a Company with Limited Guarantee, the Secretariat will organise an update presentation for the meeting of the General Assembly in September 2021.

**ACTION:** Secretariat to include a full update on requirements under Irish company law in September agenda for GA.

## 6. Elections of the ExCom (Secretariat)

The new ExCom structure and updated election procedures are included in the new NWWAC Rules of Procedure ([link](#)) which were approved by the extraordinary General Assembly on 01 July. The Secretariat circulated the call for nominations to all NWWAC members on 06 July. Nominations are invited by close of business on 06 August. Should the Secretariat receive more nominations than seats available, the respective colleges will need to discuss internally how to allocate the seats prior to the next ExCom meeting in September.

Johnny Woodlock: Has the AC received any applications from new members?

Secretariat: Following the approval of the updated Rules of Procedure and Statutes the Secretariat reached out to those NGOs that left at the end of the last financial year, provided an update, invited same to join this meeting of the Executive Committee and asked if they wished to re-join in future. We have not received any positive responses so far. We would like to invite all members to notify the Secretariat if they have any suggestions for new members or ask these directly to contact us if they are interested in joining the NWWAC. We are in fact losing one member for next year, the IFO has decided not to join again as their representative John Lynch has taken over the representation of the IS&EFPO following the passing of Hugo Boyle.



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## 7. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

1	Content of the DG's statement above to be taken into account if and when preparing advice on the different topics addressed.
2	Secretariat to analyse action points and identify which can be combined and/or included in the advice on Fishing Opportunities 2022.
3	Members are encouraged to visit both <a href="http://www.fisheriesmanagementchart.ie/">http://www.fisheriesmanagementchart.ie/</a> and <a href="https://www.geofish.be/">https://www.geofish.be/</a> to review these applications and to identify what features and tools would be the most useful for inclusion in an NWWAC application.
4	Secretariat to submit grant application for Year 17.
5	Secretariat to include a full update on requirements under Irish company law in September agenda for GA.

The Chair thanked all participants and closed the meeting.

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