



HORIZONTAL WORKING GROUP

DRAFT Minutes

Virtual meeting (Zoom) | Tuesday 09 March 2020

1 Welcome and introductions

The Chair welcomed all participants, and a quick round of introductions was held. Apologies were received prior to the meeting from David Kirwan, ISEFPO. The agenda was adopted.

Action points from the minutes of the last meeting (11 September 2020)

1	Keep the topic of how global environmental policy influences EU policy as standing topic on HWG The Focus Group Climate was established and is looking into these matters.
2	ExCom to review number of Focus Groups currently running in the AC FGs and ADGs in September were 12, now they are down to 6. This because there are some time sensitive FGs which are established usually around the Fishing Opportunities consultation period (for example Seabass).
3	Invite EU Parliament rapporteur to NWWAC FG meeting (FG Control) It was not possible to have a FG Control meeting before the vote in the PECH Committee of the control report. Last meeting of the Control FG was held on 24 February 2021, update to be provided under item 5 of this agenda.
4	FG Climate and Environment (Chair Jacopo Pasquero): decision on participation in Ocean Energy Open Consultation, and International Ocean Governance consultation The FG agreed to reply to the Ocean Energy consultation (reply submitted on 8 December), while considered the International Ocean Governance consultation out of the scope/remit of the AC.

2 COM overview on ongoing dossiers and upcoming advice requests

Chair: The Secretariat followed the usual procedure regarding invitations to the meetings, however, the Commission replied that they are very busy, and it is impossible to delegate representatives to address the issues at hand. We are pleased to be joined by Pascale Colson to assist us when addressing the item on functioning of the ACs. For all other items I propose that the HWG can propose to the ExCom to forward questions in writing.

a) Fishing Opportunities 2021 and Brexit agreement

At the Council meeting on 17 December 2020 provisional TACs & Quotas 2021 Q1 were agreed, specifically $\frac{1}{4}$ of TACs & Quotas 2020 with some adjustments of the $\frac{1}{4}$ where deemed necessary. On 24 December 2020, the TCA was accepted with transfers from the EU to the UK. The NWW TACs & Quotas are subject to the ongoing EU-UK consultation, of which the 3rd round started yesterday. The EU put a package on the table after internal discussion, whilst the UK stated wishing to focus on



key issues and not to go into the convergence of issues proposal by the EU. Topic on the agenda of the third round are TACs, foot notes, special conditions, sea bass, quota transfers, prohibited species non-quota stocks.

The ACs were able to put forward specific questions on the TCA generally at the virtual Inter-AC meeting on 22 February 2021. The Chair of the FG Brexit will also report on this under agenda item 6.

b) Technical Measures Regulation

Chair: The NWWAC response to the Technical Measures Regulation questionnaire was sent on 12 February 2021. The AC is looking for feedback from the Commission on the next steps in addressing this topic in the Focus Groups Landing Obligation and Control & Compliance.

COM: This questionnaire sent out by the Commission, who received numerous responses. A report is currently being prepared. It is better to send questions to the Commission formally as everyone is really busy.

JL: At the beginning of this year, we are all very busy, for example due to the consequences of Brexit and COVID, with the latter having an impact on the Technical Measures. There are still several points that will need to be debated. It is sometimes difficult to understand the Commission's rush regarding implementation and why they prefer to have questionnaires instead of personal debates.

COM: It is true there has been very little time to prepare the report on the Technical Measures Regulations, but this review is foreseen in the Regulations. The ACs are welcome to come forward with comments and raise concerns.

DT (via the chat): I completely agree with Julien, I do not understand the objective sought by DG MARE in the headlong rush to modify the regulations that have barely been finalized

c) Control Regulation

Chair: The Control Regulation is now being voted on in plenary at the European Parliament. The NWWAC had submitted its advice on this in 2019, is there further input expected? It is also unclear how the trilogue will be organised, and an update on this will be given by Chair of the Focus Group Control & compliance.

COM: There is no additional information available at this time.

Chair: The FG Control & compliance can identify queries that need to be forwarded to the COM.

JMR: There is also another topic that needs to be addressed, which is linked to the explanatory note from the Commission to the Parliament. In this note the Commission is reacting to several items in the revision of the Control Regulations. Permanent infringements are mentioned, and the regulations will be about non-declared catches. The fisheries sector's image is at stake. This is not acceptable coming from the people who are responsible for control. For us, e.g., the French POs, this is an insult. If all fishermen are considered as infringers, how can there be any trust? How can the Commission give any credit then to what the sector writes and submits? This may be a problem



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regarding the relationship for the industry and the Commission, but it must be tackled in the spirit of the ACs as well. We have been participating for many years in the ACs and it is our duty to provide the best recommendations to the Commission, but in light of these comments, because of this lack of trust, our recommendations are not being taken into account by the Commission. So, I wonder how useful it is to participate in the AC. This must be discussed.

JL (via the chat): This is not only a personal point of view from JMR, but a general feeling in the industry.

COM: I will convey the message and I would also like to ask not to generalise things. I understand your concerns and the reactions. I am not aware of the Commission's note personally, but it does not mean that that all the industry is not being accepted and that we will think that all fishermen are infringers. g.

MV: I would like to pick up on the previous intervention and the comments on how our work within the AC is considered by the Commission. I am the Chair of the Focus Group Seabass, and this is something that we mentioned last November. We have less and less participants in the group, and members are less motivated as the message is always the same. We are being congratulated on our work and encouraged to continue but are not being listened to. We would like to see action taken following our recommendations. We also lose credibility when we report back to our own members. People see we are losing time, we are not getting our message across and we could like some answers regarding the impact of our recommendations.

SO'D: The bottom line here is not that we as the industry are complaining about the Commission. The Commission has written a note that the entire industry is a pack of fraudsters and conmen. It is really serious that the Commission has documented this, and I have to question the basis for such a comment. The Commission says that we should not take it that the Commission is tarring everyone with the same brush but that is exactly what has happened. This is an issue for the entire EU fishing industry. In my view there needs to be a correction/retraction from the Commission on this.

Chair: This should go as an action point into the FG Control to prepare something in his respect.

OL: As an active fisherman I can confirm that every fisherman is fed up with this. We cannot go forward with the fact that the Commission does not want to listen to fishermen and their reps. The sea is managed by computer. Officials are working with their computers calculating all kind of things, but nobody knows what is happening on the ground. The Commission is asking what is happening but not reading the relevant reports coming from experienced people. Fishermen cannot follow what comes from the Commission all the time while they are encountering many problems on the ground.

JL: It is not only a problem where the Commission is not listening to us, but in this case the Commission is undermining the activity that it is supposed to defend which makes it a bit more serious. So, this must be put on the agenda for the ExCom and the Commission should be invited to this meeting on Friday and explain this in the meeting.

DR (via the chat): Seabass, undulate, denial of Brexit, so many subjects that create a gulf between "industry" and the Commission. Brexit gives rise to discussions between states from which fishermen



are now excluded. And in these debates the Commission seems absent or rather speechless.

JMR (via the chat): Emiel, could that be possible to please ask to DG Mare to formally present and explain to NWW AC members the content of this note? The link for the note:

<http://europeche.chil.me/download-doc/342909>

JJ: What Julien has said is precisely what I wanted to say, I also wanted to share with regards to the note. Europêche sent an email yesterday on this to the Commissioner and I believe it would be useful for the AC to in writing.

MK (via the chat): I fully support for JMR's interventions.

JJ (via the chat): FYI, link to the press release on open letter to Commissioner Sinkevicius

<https://europeche.chil.me/post/open-letter-to-commissioner-sinkevicius-criticising-the-spread-of-damaging-infor-343519>

ACTION: Secretariat to draft a letter regarding the COM explanatory note on the fisheries control regulation revision, taking into account the Europêche open letter on the topic.

ACTION: Secretariat to invite a COM representative to the ExCom meeting on 12 March to discuss the explanatory note.

d) Green Deal: Biodiversity Strategy/Farm to Fork Strategy

Chair: The Focus Group Climate is preparing advice following its workshop on climate change impacts on fisheries in the NWW and we will hear a report from the Chair of this FG under agenda item 5.

e) Functioning of the ACs

Chair: An Inter-AC meeting was held on 18 January on this topic ([link](#)). The next virtual meeting was expected in April, however, this was just postponed to 05 May. The Focus Group Brexit is working on this item with an update from the Chair under agenda item 6.

COM: We would like to receive, if possible, items for the agenda as we are trying to focus on specific subjects. Please let us know if the AC would like to have presentations on specific topics, for example Technical Measures. Regarding the functioning itself, we are continuing our own reflections on how we can support a good functioning of the ACs and hopefully will present the modifications of the delegated act in May. We will also try to communicate better which are the dates of the meetings of the ACs as well as public consultations, so that we increase our collaboration.

SO'D: An issue that arose at FG Brexit is the status of third country observers. It seems to me that under the CFP there is provision for inviting representatives from third countries as active observers but that seems to be different to observers from within the EU. I would like to get some clarification



as this needs to be discussed within the AC. In addition, I think there was an issue at the Inter-AC with a MAC representative at that meeting. The issues raised was chairmanships in terms of third country organisations and what the Commission's view was in relation to that.

COM: The NWWAC is the AC that has asked written questions in the past, and two responses have been provided already to the AC before the actual Brexit. The Commission needs to update what was said at that time. Regarding the participation of observers, Annex 3 of the CFP 2013, Paragraph 2 (k) states: "When issues that affect them are discussed, representatives of the fisheries sector and other interest groups from third countries, including representatives from RFMOs, that have a fishing interest in the area or fisheries covered by an Advisory Council, may be invited to participate as active observers."

Regarding the issue at the Inter-AC meeting, the Commission is sending a letter to all the ACs in relation to this topic.

Chair: All communications from the Commission are distributed to the members and available on the NWWAC website, including the two previous requests in relation to Brexit in [October 2018](#) and in [January 2020](#).

3 Collaboration with the NWW MSG

Chair: France is chairing the Member States Group for the whole year. The AC attended the Technical Group meetings on 04 February and 03 March (reports available in the Members Area on the NWWAC website). We are joined today by representatives from the MS and I would like to thank them for accepting the invitation to give a presentation to the members of the NWWAC HWG. The AC received a draft on Joint Recommendations for red seabream from the MSG and feedback has been requested, however, within a very tight timeframe. This proposed JR is aligning the NWW with the SWW. Should the AC provide a reply to this? In addition, regarding the discussion on the JR Discard Plan, when are the MS planning to distribute a draft to the AC for comments? How is the drafting of this JR progressing?

MSG: Work has been carried out last year as requested by the Commission regarding measures in area 6 and 7. We carried out work on seabream similar to the SWW. Normally the draft for these JR should have been sent to you for your advice, the measures were implemented in the SWW, including the minimum conservation size. These will be discussed in the STECF later in March.

EB: The NWWAC was invited to the recent TG meeting, cod and haddock will be addressed in WG2, scallops will be addressed in WG 3 tomorrow as well as Danish seines. Finally, the Discard plan JR and TM would normally be addressed in the FG Landing Obligation. A request was made from this AC to participate at the entire TG meetings. This point was replied to and the request from the NWWAC was changed into attending the MSG meetings with items on the agenda on which advice has been provided.

PJ: If there is time, we can go into more detail on the work programme? Two Technical Group meetings took place already. Two drafts will need to be finalised in April regarding the Landing Obligation, especially regarding exemptions. The scallops for example are a French programme and should be implemented as fast as possible. We have a dialogue with the Commission, and we would



also like to have the feedback from the AC on this. We are also working on the defined fisheries definition. We have a proposal for the Celtic Sea for more answers regarding activities especially regarding temporary measures which I think you will discuss again tomorrow. There is some reluctance from different countries regarding measures such as fishing days, so we are hoping to carry out further work on this.

EB: This Working Group will need to decide if an action point on the seabream will need to be suggested to ExCom.

OL: A management plan for area 7d is very urgent in addition to a sector wide Gentlemen's Agreement. If we cannot reduce the fishing effort, we will bear the consequences.

EB: This will be discussed tomorrow in WG3 and I hope an action point will come out of this.

ACTION: ExCom to decide on a reply to the request for feedback on the draft Joint Recommendation on Red Seabream prepared by the NWW MSG.

4 Collaboration with ICES

a. Feedback from MIAC and MIACO meetings (14 January)

Action points from MIAC:

1. Updates on the activities of the ICES Working Group on Offshore Wind Development and Fisheries (WGOWDF): A new WG, formed on the subject in 2020, has Terms of Reference covering a three-year period and will prepare a report after three years. Chairs of the WG will be made aware of the AC interest and the observer forum will be used to inform of any workshops developed on the subject. The ACs are encouraged to attend.
2. Research developments on the interactions between fisheries and underwater noise & seismic activities: ICES is part of the European process centred around the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and OSPAR and HELCOM efforts, collating data on continuous and impulsive noise, and exploring impacts and mitigation measures. A number of WGs and deliverables are due to report in 2021 on this, including the setting of thresholds for both impulsive and continuous noise in Spring 2021.
3. Update on the activities of the ICES Working Group on Bycatch of Protected Species (WGBYC): All work in this area to be carried out under the framework of the ICES Roadmap on Bycatch. The biggest issues in this area are monitoring data, fishing effort data, and abundance data of sensitive species. ACs could contribute on these main aspects by addressing this with national authorities and the Commission. ACs to consider actions to support quantitative data improvement and communication to relevant authorities on the subject of bycatch – including making it clear to national authorities that 'more research and more experts in this area are needed' to improve the evidence base.
4. The NWWAC will chair the MIAC meeting in 2022.

(Draft) Action points from MIACO:



1. ICES to keep updating and recording the impact of COVID-19 disruption on the science network and provision of advice.
2. ICES to work to bring in data and knowledge from fishers, and sense checking of advice.

SO'D: Just to clarify regarding the wind energy and the ACs being involved in the WG with ICES, my understanding is we are not allowed to participate in the Working Group, so this must refer to the observer forum?

Sec: Yes, that is correct.

b. NWWAC Participation in ICES meetings

All meetings are online now, with no need of reimbursement for attendance on behalf of the AC. The Secretariat distributes the information about the meetings, but does not know who actually attends: can members let the Secretariat know if they attend an ICES meeting and could they provide a short meeting report to share with the other members?

ACTION: Members are kindly asked to provide the Secretariat with feedback if and when attending ICES meetings.

ACTION: Secretariat to start the planning of the MIAC 2022.

5 Report from Focus Groups

Chair: Before going into the updates from the individual Focus Groups, just a quick reminder regarding the request sent by the Secretariat on the cetaceans project proposed by the Dutch Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality. The Secretariat circulated an email inviting expressions of interest on 15 February, and only 4 replies have been received so far.

ACTION: Secretariat to send a reminder to members regarding cetaceans bycatch project and further work on the topic.

a. **Landing Obligation** (Emiel Brouckaert)

Since the last HWG we met with this Focus Group three times. We finalised the advice on the choke risks after exemptions, reviewed the Discard Plan 2021 -23 and decided to transfer the discussion around the Technical Measures Regulations on Art 27 to the Focus Group Control. We reviewed the outcome of December Council and the TCA in January in line with looking at the choke analysis 2021.

We heard that the MS Group is asking for planning on the Discard Plan 2022 and is working on the Technical Measures regulations evaluation questionnaire, however, both topics are still in progress due to the TCA implementation consultations between the EU and the UK. The Focus Group continued preparing the response to the Technical Measures Regulations questionnaire which was



sent on 12 February ([link](#)). We are looking for a date for the next meeting once enough information is available, and on the agenda will be the preparation of advice on the JR Discard Plan 2022, choke advice and outstanding technical measures items.

ACTION: Chair and Secretariat to set a date and agenda for the next meeting of the FG Landing Obligation.

b. Climate & Environment (Jacopo Pasquero)

The Chair's presentation is available online [here](#).

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 March to discuss draft advice following from the online workshop held in November 2020. The FG is considering to copy DG ENV and DG CLIMA into the advice to have a more integrated approach.

The Commission has been extremely active on these topics which fuels more work on behalf of the Commission and means more work for the ACs as this influences how fisheries resources are managed until 2030. Important decisions are taken by just a few members and the FG needs more members!

Chair: Certainly, at ExCom level more members are looking at advice that has been prepared but I fully support that more members join this FG and the preparation of the advice.

JM: Though it is an important topic due to the pandemic and issues linked to Brexit the time we have to work on different topics is limited. I cannot do much more at this stage regarding the reflection on protected areas than ask for a size of the surface taken by the framework of Natura 2000. The Commission is looking at different management measures in these areas, so the calculation of the total protected surface area is another useful piece of information. We do not only have these Natura 2000 sites, we also the closures for deep sea fisheries and areas with certain forbidden activities for example under the Technical Measures Regulations. Having objectives to achieve a percentage of closed areas does not make sense. Closures should be decided upon, based on specific reasons and targets.

JJ: The Commission's important consultations on these topics are already in process and inside the Commission a definition of the 10% closure objective is already in circulation. Besides this there is also article 11 of the CFP and on top of all this there are the Brexit consequences with the UK setting additional unilateral objectives, like now on the Dogger Bank in the North Sea.

JP: Regarding the 30% target for MPAs and the areas restricted to fisheries, I cannot answer this question but also considering the different tools that are being used, the short answer is that the current target under the Convention of Biological Diversity is 10%. The EU has exceeded this target and the FG is addressing this in the current consultation. The framework for restricting fishing activities is not just closing of areas. The topic is gaining more attention internationally, and the 30% target is set and is unlikely to be removed. There is a problem when it comes to understanding how to collaborate between nature protection objectives and fisheries management objectives which is why this FG is so important.



EB: Comments that are being given here can be taken to the next FG meeting and taken into account in the work of the FG.

c. Control (Sean O'Donoghue)

This FG met on 24 February for the first time since Madrid last year. The FG got an update regarding the Control Regulations as the group has done an enormous amount of work after the proposal on the Regulations had been published and quite a lot of details were sent in to the Commission. A number of action items came out of this FG which are relevant for today:

1. Joint Deployment plan for NWW and access to the detailed information: The ACs will not be given access to this, the MSG refused, EFCA refused and a Freedom of Information request by the PelAC was also refused. It would be useful if the NWWAC arranged a meeting with EFCA in terms of future joint deployment plans to ensure what happened in the past does not happen again.
2. It was also agreed to follow up on the successful workshop on control, specifically regarding the issue with Art 27 of the TCM and Art 15 of the CFP and particularly the control issues around that. Rather than having a detailed discussion at the workshop it was agreed that this would be deferred to a future meeting with the Commission, EFCA, the NWWAC and also the MS Control Expert Group.

ACTION: Proposal for the NWWAC to organize a meeting with EFCA to discuss the Joint Deployment Plans in progress this year.

ACTION: Proposal for the NWWAC to organize a meeting with the Commission, EFCA and MS Control Expert Group to discuss the issue Article 27 TMR vs Article 15 CFP.

At the time of the meeting, we were not aware of the Commission's explanatory note to the EP before the vote on the revision of the Control Regulation proposal. We have arranged a future meeting on 26 May but given the importance of this issue we may need to deal with this quicker and address this with the Commission at ExCom on Friday. The reason for a meeting in May was to have the outcome of the Parliament vote on the control. In addition, the Portuguese presidency should be at an advanced stage regarding their deliberations on the General Approach by the Council.

The FG also worked on specific control related questions in relation to the TCA. There is a deadline for ExCom approval of the listing prepared by the FG, but there are a few issues which should be addressed by the end of the week hopefully in time for the ExCom.

Sec: A final agreement was reached yesterday evening and the list with translations will be sent to ExCom this afternoon/evening.

ACTION: ExCom to approve the list of questions on control issues after Brexit as prepared by the Control Focus Group.



d. Brown Crab (Sean O'Donoghue standing in for Norah Parke)

This is a joint Focus Group between the NSAC, MAC and NWWAC. Two meetings were held to date and a third is scheduled for 19 March. The group has members representing France, Germany, Poland, Denmark, the Netherlands, UK and Ireland. The FG has looked at a comprehensive report on the market given by BIM. The FG is following up on a stock status report from all countries involved. There is a big issue regarding Cadmium particularly in relation to Chinese exports and DG MARE has been given a full update. The FG is also discussing COVID related restrictions regarding China as well as ongoing issues regarding the TCA.

All minutes relating to this Focus Group's meetings are available on the NWWAC website.

e. Skates & Rays (Paddy Walker)

The presentation is available online [here](#). All minutes relating to this Focus Group's meetings are available on the NWWAC website.

6 Brexit & Functioning of the AC

The presentation on restructuring proposals is available online in the Members Area.

The Focus Group also worked on developing a fisheries management chart for the NWW.

ACTION: Secretariat to add the draft NWWAC fisheries management chart prepared by the Focus Group Brexit on the website for members' review and suggestions.

Regarding the observer issue for third country organisation: The AC can invite interested parties from third countries to attend all or particular parts of meetings. There was a view in the FG Brexit that as we will be sharing 50 out of 52 stocks, we need to have some discussions and a relationship with the UK stakeholders. This should not be left up to Focus Groups or Working Groups to decide, this needs to be discussed and a decision made within ExCom noting that the UK will probably have their own stakeholder system as well which will need to be taken into account.

ACTION: Secretariat to add the presentation on restructuring of the AC prepared by the Focus Group Brexit on the website. Members are requested to provide feedback prior to the ExCom meeting.

Chair: The UK stakeholder advice system will of course be an important aspect for cooperation.

SO'D: I am not sure about the timing, but I would ask due to the importance of the functioning and restructuring that there is time at ExCom to discuss this.

JB: I would like to know in principle how the decision on the restructuring of the WGs is going to be arrived at. Is that going to be decided at the ExCom or how are we going to go about it? Though some of the options include a bit of loss of income we need to look into this in more detail and see if



we can strike some balance of sort and how the losses may affect us. So, my request is for a little more time to discuss this.

Chair: My suggestion would be to see if everyone can provide some input to an ExCom member before the meeting on Friday. Further discussions are planned on this for a final proposal from ExCom to the GA.

SO'D: It might be worth organising a special ExCom later to discuss this separately as rushing this is the wrong thing to do. We should take the time and maybe have an ExCom meeting specifically on this.

ACTION: ExCom discussion on UK observers' participation at NWWAC meetings.

7. Administrative issues (Secretariat)

a. Review of Statutes and Rules of Procedure

The Secretariat proposes the setting up of a task force to carry out this work. The proposal is to include the ExCom Chair and Vice-Chairs as well as the Working Group Chairs in this task force and also extend the invitation to other members to have a balanced representation of Member States.

ACTION: Proposal to create a task force for the revision of the NWWAC Rules of Procedure and Statutes.

b. Elections in September

Elections for all NWWAC offices were postponed for one year by the General Assembly in 2021. The Secretariat has developed draft procedures which can be found online in the Members Area under this meeting,

SOD: ExCom: is that the same as last time, did ExCom nominations have to be seconded previously?

Sec: These procedures are based on previous NWWAC election procedures.

ACTION: Secretariat to distribute the document on the draft elections' procedures.

c. Internal performance review

Other ACs have carried out performance reviews. The LDAC's has been quite extensive in two parts ([Phase I](#) and [Phase II](#)). The BSAC has also engaged an external organisation for its review, while the NASC opted for its Secretariat to carry out the review internally.

The Secretariat is looking for members' opinions if the NWWAC should carry this out as well. The Commission is quite keen on these, however, there are different opinions in the various AC Secretariats as to the framework of these evaluations. There is currently no recommendation on specifications for this available from the Commission. If members feel that a performance review should be conducted, full collaboration and cooperation from members is vital to make it meaningful.



Chair: **ACTION:** Secretariat to send a request to members for expression of interest/opinions on the possibility of an AC performance review (external/internal review).

d. Website members area

The Secretariat is looking for feedback on the use of the Members Area. Members are always welcome to contact the Secretariat regarding its communications.

ACTION: Secretariat to launch a written consultation on the functioning of the Members Area.

8. Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted (Chair)

The Chair thanked all participants and the interpreters.

ACTION POINTS:

1	Secretariat to draft a letter regarding the Commission's explanatory note on the fisheries control regulation revision, taking into account the Europêche open letter on the topic.
2	Secretariat to invite a Commission representative to the ExCom meeting on 12 March to discuss the explanatory note.
3	Secretariat to liaise with the Commission on Inter-ACs meetings follow-up and preparation
4	ExCom to decide on a reply to the request for feedback on the draft Joint Recommendation on Red Seabream prepared by the NWW MSG
5	Members kindly asked to provide the Secretariat with feedback if and when attending ICES meetings.
6	Secretariat to start the planning of the MIAC 2022.
7	Secretariat to send a reminder to members regarding cetaceans bycatch project and further work on the topic.
8	Chair and Secretariat to set a date and agenda for the next meeting of the FG Landing Obligation.
9	Proposal for the NWWAC to organize a meeting with EFCA to discuss the Joint Deployment Plans in progress this year.
10	Propose meeting with EFCA on joint deployment plans and propose meeting between EFCA, Commission, Control Expert Group and NWWAC to discuss Art 27 vs Art 15.
11	ExCom to approve the list of questions on control issues after Brexit as distributed by the Control Focus Group.
12	Secretariat to add the draft NWWAC fisheries management chart prepared by the Focus Group Brexit on the website for members' review and suggestions.
13	Secretariat to add Brexit FG proposal to Members Area for review and suggestions.
14	Secretariat to add the presentation on restructuring of the AC prepared by the Focus Group Brexit on the website. Members are requested to provide feedback prior to the ExCom meeting.
15	Proposal to create a task force for the revision of the NWWAC Rules of Procedure and Statutes.



16	Secretariat to distribute the document on the draft elections' procedures.
17	Secretariat to send a request to members for expression of interest/opinions on the possibility of an AC performance review (external/internal review).
18	Secretariat to launch a written consultation on the functioning of the Members Area.
19	ExCom discussion on UK observers' participation at NWWAC meetings.

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