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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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06 July 2022

Agenda

09:00 – 09:40	_____	1	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome from the Chair (Emiel Brouckaert)• Apologies• Adoption of the agenda• Action points from the last meeting• Actions arising from the Working Groups
09:00 – 09:30	_____	2	Keynote address – Mr. Fabrizio Donatella, Director MARE C
09:30 – 10:15	_____	3	TCA & SCF State of Play
10:15 – 10:30	_____	4	Dialogues with the NWW Member States Group – Mr. Dirk van Guyze, Government of Flanders
10:30 – 10:45			
10:45 – 11:45	_____	5	NWWAC Work Programme and Budget update Year 17
11:45 – 11:55	_____	6	NWWAC membership drive update
11:55 – 12:00	_____	7	Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair



Action points from the last meeting

1. Secretariat to draft letter on fuel crisis for ExCom approval (emergency procedure). The letter should be sent to the Commission by the end of the day.
2. The Advice Drafting Group on the CFP will draft the response to Mr. Mato's questionnaire which will be delivered by the end of the month. Secretariat to follow up on the topic to ensure the ExCom is kept informed on any further action needed.
3. Inter-AC 29 April: Secretariat to submit agenda items to the Commission including: MSFD, follow up on SUP Directive and FFL, follow up on Multi-AC blue economy advice. Members are invited to send further suggestions to the Secretariat by the end of March.
4. ADG on CFP reporting to be set up
5. Go ahead with membership drive
6. TAF on advice to be put on MIAC agenda

Action points Working Group 1 – Irish Sea

1	Secretariat to share written responses from ACOM Vice-Chair to pending questions from the meeting
2	Members to send comments on ICES advice and recommendations for issue to be included in fishing opportunities advice to the Secretariat
3	Secretariat to share 2022 Choke ID tool following an update on exemptions on technical measures for members to provide comments to feed advice preparation by the FG LO
4	The WG will review the bycatch measures in place for whiting in the <i>Nephrops</i> fishery and get in touch with the MSG to progress on the matter.

Action points Working Group 2 – Celtic Sea & West of Scotland

1	Members to send comments on ICES advice and recommendations for issue to be included in fishing opportunities advice to the Secretariat
2	The Secretariat will distribute the recommendations formulated by the PelAC on Greater Silver Smelt for comments (if needed, a joint task force will be meeting to discuss). Once agreed by the WG, they will be included in the Fishing Opps advice.
3	The Working Group will review the draft advice on Technical Measures in the Celtic Sea by Monday 11 July.
4	Secretariat to share 2022 Choke ID tool following an update on exemptions on technical measures for members to provide comments to feed advice preparation by the FG LO
5	Secretariat to contact PelAC and SWWAC Secretariat to ask about progress of work on VMEs and deep-sea access.

Action points Working Group 3 – Channel

1	Members to send comments on ICES advice and recommendations for issue to be included in fishing opportunities advice to the Secretariat
2	Work of FG Seabass to resume. Secretariat to circulate email to previous and prospective members
3	Members to review advice on whelk and scallop to establish if updates are needed prior to submission to COM at beginning of September.
4	Secretariat to share 2022 Choke ID tool with members for comments.

Action points Horizontal Working Group

1	Proposal from the HWG to the ExCom to subcontract Michael Keatinge to work on Choke ID Tool with continuous update
2	Secretariat to request MAC Chair/ PelAC Secretariat to set up next date of Inter-AC Brexit Forum
3	Issue regarding Scottish interpretation of technical regulation to be kept on the NWWAC agenda
4	Secretariat to draft letter to the ORE advisory group with request to be considered for participation and explaining the NWWAC's role and interest
5	Secretariat to schedule meeting of the Focus Group Landing Obligation to work on advice for the COM consultation on Fishing Opportunities 2023 and ICES advice (25 July 2023)
6	Proposal for the Secretariat to initiate the organisation of a workshop on skates & rays management similar to the COM initiative in 2017
7	Secretariat to contact the members of the Focus Group Control regarding expressions of interest for taking over Chair position
8	Secretariat to organise next meeting of the Focus Group Social Aspects for September with specific focus on finalising the ToR and the intended questionnaire
9	Secretariat to contact the NSAC with a view of establishing a joint Focus Group Brown Crab to review existing work and advice on potential management measures
10	Secretariat to circulate link and survey from Mindfully Wired Communications on the online fisheries tool
11	Secretariat to initiate the setting up of a Focus Group Online Chart Tool to assist with the fine tuning of the prototype



Action points General Assembly

- 1 Secretariat to reschedule the presentation by France Pêche Durable et Responsable on their application for “other industry” category for next GA in September





2 Keynote address – Mr. Fabrizio Donatella, Director
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3 TCA & SCF State of Play

- STECF update on non-quota species – Ana Leocadio (DG MARE), Ralf Doering (STECF)
- Approval of Inter-Brexit Forum Letter



NWWAC Work Programme and Budget update Year 17

- **Landing Obligation:** Fishing Opportunities 2023, NWWAC Choke Tool 2022
- **Brexit:** Inter-AC Brexit Forum
- **Social Aspects:** Draft advice in preparation
- **Climate & Environment:** with Draft advice on EU public consultation “Sustainable food system framework initiative” in preparation
- **Management of stocks:** skates & rays, cod in the Celtic Sea, scallops, whelk, sea bass
- **Collaboration with External Groups:** NWW High Level and Technical Groups, ICES (MIAC and MIACO)





NWWAC meetings – July 2022

- TOTAL number of meetings:
- 2 Executive Committee
 - March 2022 (virtual), July 2022 (hybrid)
- 6 sub-regional Working Groups
 - March 2022 (virtual), July 2022 (hybrid)
- 2 Horizontal Working Groups
 - March 2022 (virtual), July 2022 (hybrid)

Members are informed of all meetings via the monthly update available online in the Members Area on www.nwwac.org.

Details of meetings can also be found in both the Members Area and under the Meetings tab.



Year 17 – NWWAC meetings – July 2022

- 10 Meetings between the ExCom Chair, Vice-Chairs and the Secretariat virtual (Oct, Nov, Dec 2021, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July 2022)
- 1 Sea bass virtual (Oct 2021)
- 3 Landing Obligation virtual (Feb, Mar, Apr 2022)
- 2 Skates and Rays virtual (Dec 2021, Feb 2022)
- 6 MSFD virtual (Oct, Nov, Dec 2021, 2x Jan, Feb 2022)
- 6 Social Aspects virtual (Nov 2021, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May 2022)
- 3 Climate & Environment virtual (2x Nov 2021, May 2022)
- 2 Whelk virtual (Oct, Dec 2022)
- 1 ADG CFP review (Feb 2021)
- 4 Inter-AC Brexit Forum with PelAC, NSAC, LDAC, MAC virtual (Feb, May, 2x June 2022)
- 1 meeting with PelAC re. gentlemen's agreement (February 2022)
- 1 ADG Eel (Mar 2022)
- 2 ADG Celtic Sea Technical Measures virtual (May 2022)
- 2 NWWAC/PelAC ADG Underwater Noise and Wind energy developments virtual (May, Jun 2022)



Year 17 – NWWAC meetings – July 2022

- **5 Inter-AC / COM-Secretariat**
 - Commission Inter-AC meeting virtual (November 2021)
 - Commission Inter-AC meeting virtual (January 2021)
 - Commission – Secretariats meeting virtual (February 2021)
 - Commission Inter-AC meeting virtual (April 2022)
 - Commission – Secretariats meeting virtual (May 2022)
- **3 Workshops/webinars (co-) hosted by the NWWAC**
 - Blockchain in the Seafood Supply Chain (with MAC and NSAC), virtual (December 2021)
 - NWWAC online fisheries management chart development (January 2022)
 - SEAwisdom workshop (January 2022)
 - NWWAC/PelAC Workshop on the impacts of seismic and offshore wind energy developments on fisheries

External meetings with NWWAC participation – July 2022

- 10 North Western Waters Member States Group virtual (2x Oct, 2x Nov, Dec 2021, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July 2022)
- 2 EFCA Advisory Board virtual (Oct 2021), in person (Apr 2022)
- 2 CINEA workshops on ecosystem-based approaches to fisheries management (EAFM) under the CFP, virtual (October 2021)
- MRAG/ILVO virtual Focus Group meeting on the SANoBA SC06/SC07 Regionalisation of the CFP project (November 2021)
- STECF EWG 22-04 Non-quota species virtual (May 2022)
- STECF EWG 22-05 Landing Obligation virtual (Jun 2022)
- Commission CFP report hybrid workshop (Jun 2022)
- 2nd Mission Atlantic Celtic Sea Stakeholder meeting virtual (Jun 2022)
- ICES MIAC & MIACO hybrid (Jun 2022)



Year 17 – Upcoming meetings

- CABFishMan project 12 September 2022,
- NWWAC plenary meetings
 - 13 September: Horizontal WG
 - 14 September: Regional WGs
 - 28 September: Executive Committee & General Assembly
- DG MARE 'Promoting "Fishing For Litter" activities & use of EMFAF support!' 21 September 2022, hybrid
- STECF EWG 22-08 Skates & Rays 26-20 September 2022, Brussels



UPDATE ON YEAR 17 ACCOUNTS

Year 17 – Income – Current Position

	Original Budget 01 October 2021	Actual Income at 13 July 2022	Outstanding
Member States	€ 22,000	€ 22,000	€ 0
Commission	€ 330,000	€ 264,000	Balance EU-grant* € 66,000
Member's Fees + interest on fees + misc. income	€33,200	€ 33,200	
Total	€ 385,200	€ 319,200	€ 66,000

* Commission income is dependant on the total, audited, eligible expenditure.



Year 17 – Expenditure – Current Position

	Eligible Predicted Budget 01 October 2021	Actual Expenditure up to July 2022	Estimated actual expenditure 30 September 2022
Staff	€203,096.75	€112,889.93	€160,500.00
Reimbursements	€62,786.00	€0.00	€30,000.00
Interpretation & Translation	€56,970.00	€40,915.89	€76,700.00
Meetings and Information	€3,397.25	€2,349.30	€4,000.00
Operating costs	€22,950.00	€5,546.57	€25,000.00
Chairman Fees	€15,000.00	€5,000.00	€15,000.00
Other contracts	€21,000.00	€38,389.37	€48,000.00
Total	€385,200.00	€205,091.06	€359,200.00



Year 17 – Financial timeline

- **30 September 2022**
End of Financial Year 17
- **November 2022**
Company Audit on Year 17 Income and Expenditure.
- **End-November 2022**
Company Audit certificate, along with the final financial and substantive report, to be submitted to the Commission.
- **December 2022**
AGM to approve
 - i. Director's report on the financial statement
 - ii. Continuation of the auditor's work



NWWAC Membership Drive

- Press release 26 April 2022 sent to 72 media contacts, follow up 05 May
- Social media posts
 - LinkedIn 2x Apr, 1x May, 1x June
- Direct letters 13 June 2022 sent to 14 organisations
- 4 responses received to date:
 - Environmental Justice Foundation: no capacity to assist in the way they would want to
 - Our Fish: no resources
 - Irish Wildlife Trust: no capacity
 - Client Earth: insufficient resources to engage meaningfully



Thank you.

North Western Waters Advisory Council 