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HORIZONTAL WORKING GROUP

—
05 July 2022

Agenda

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|---------------|-------|---|---|
| 08:30 – 09:00 | _____ | 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 |
| 09:00 – 09:30 | _____ | 2 | Offshore wind energy developments in the Irish EEZ |
| 09:30 – 10:15 | _____ | 3 | Dialogue with the Commission |
| 10:15 – 10:30 | | | Coffee |
| 10:30 – 10:45 | _____ | 4 | Launch of updated NWWAC Choke Identification Tool |
| 10:45 – 11:45 | _____ | 5 | Focus Group update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inter-AC Brexit Forum• Landing Obligation• Skates & Rays• Climate & Environment• Control & Compliance• Social Aspects• Seismic & Wind energy• Crab |
| 11:45 – 11:55 | _____ | 6 | Launch of the NWWAC Online Chart Tool |
| 11:55 – 12:00 | _____ | 7 | Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair |

Action points from the last meeting

1. Members to send any questions for the Commission on the topics discussed to the Secretariat for written submission to DG MARE
2. Secretariat to contact Hugo Gonzalez to arrange a presentation of Spanish skates & rays research to the NWWAC/NSAC Focus Group Skates & Rays
3. Secretariat to consult with the MAC and NSAC regarding the potential establishment of a new Focus Group Brown Crab4 Launch of updated NWWAC Choke Identification Tool
4. ExCom to approve the organisation and running of the NWWAC/PelAC workshop on impacts of seismic and offshore wind energy developments
5. ExCom to approve additional NWWAC submission on the current fuel crisis
6. Secretariat to circulate Commission response to the joint AC letter on AC advice and evaluate if the need arises for a follow-up submission
7. Secretariat to set up Doodle for meeting of the Focus Group Landing Obligation to discuss the update of the NWWAC Choke Tool
8. Secretariat to make proposal for a written procedure regarding emergency advice development in the NWWAC



2 Offshore wind energy developments in the Irish
EEZ - Captain Robert McCabe, Chairman
Seafood/ORE Group Ireland

3 Dialogue with the Commission
CFP review
MSFD





COFFEE BREAK

10:15 – 10:30 CET



4 NWWAC Choke Tool 2022

| 2021 | Belgium | France | Ireland | Netherlands | Spain | United Kingdom |
|------------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|-------------|-------|----------------|
| Quota Share | 100% | 2.61% | 0.20% | 90.43% | 0.27% | 64.17% |
| Initial Quota | 108 | 5 | 7 | 354 | 1 | 81 |
| Difference (Member - Initial) | 28 | 4 | 1 | 21 | -1 | 2 |
| Member Quota | 140 | 7 | 8 | 125 | 0 | 80 |
| Catch | 96 | 5 | 0 | 88 | 0 | 0 |
| 2021 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 21 | 0 | 0 |
| Reported Discards (%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total catch (%) | 100 | 5 | 0 | 114 | 0 | 0 |
| Catch/Initial quota (%) | 88.9% | 80.0% | 0.0% | 80.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Catch/Adjusted quota (%) | 88.9% | 80.0% | 0.0% | 74.9% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Total Catch/Initial quota (%) | 102.4% | 114.0% | 0.0% | 110.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Total Catch/Adjusted quota (%) | 88.9% | 80.0% | 0.0% | 80.4% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Discarded Quota/Initial quota (%) | 100.0% | 114.0% | 0.0% | 110.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Discarded Quota/Adjusted quota (%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Quota evolution | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Member Quota | 108 | 7 | 10 | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Catch (incl. Disc.) | 10 | 5 | 10 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Surplus | 98 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| Landings in UK Zone | Average | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 |
|------------------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total land area landings | 180 | 130 | 154 | 212 | 206 | 250 |
| Quota estimate from UK EEZ | 104 | 61 | 84 | 125 | 126 | 104 |
| Quota estimate from UK EEZ % | 57.8% | 47% | 55% | 59% | 61% | 42% |
| Lower estimate from UK EEZ | 20.7% | 15 | 18 | 42 | 52 | 43 |
| Upper estimate from UK EEZ | 80.4% | 81 | 142 | 210 | 196 | 208 |

| Choke Category 2 (England) or 3 (Wales) | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Indicators | 20% Bottom Trawl (BT) | 100% Bottom Trawl (BT) | 0% Bottom Trawl (BT) | 0% Bottom Trawl (BT) |
| Mainly target, by search fisheries or not | 0% Bottom Trawl (BT) | 0% | 21% Bottom Trawl (BT) | 0% Bottom Trawl (BT) |
| Main source of unwanted catches | 0% | 0% | 14% Bottom Trawl (BT) | 0% |

| Wreck Type (DCMAP Categories) | W0000 | W1000 | W2000 | W3000 | W4000 | Total | % |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| OT | 0 | 0 | 15 | 44 | 34 | 93 | 77% |
| TS | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 28 | 29 | 24% |
| PC | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1% |
| TC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 0 | 1 | 15 | 44 | 62 | 122 | 100% |

| Wreck Type | W0000 | W1000 | W2000 | W3000 | W4000 | Total | % |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| OT | 0 | 27 | 0 | 27 | 0 | 54 | 44% |
| TS | 0 | 20 | 0 | 30 | 0 | 50 | 41% |
| TC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 8% |
| PC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 10 | 8% |
| OTC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 6% |
| Total | 0 | 47 | 0 | 57 | 17 | 121 | 100% |

| Wreck Type | W0000 | W1000 | W2000 | W3000 | W4000 | Total | % |
|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| A (0.40%) | 0 | 0 | 4 | 30 | 26 | 60 | 50% |
| B (1.60%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 9 | 7% |
| C (0.40%) | 0 | 0 | 15 | 44 | 24 | 83 | 69% |
| D (1.70%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1% |
| E (0.40%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| F (0.70%) | 0 | 0 | 50 | 196 | 41 | 247 | 20% |
| G (0.17%) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 27 | 12 | 40 | 33% |
| H (0.20%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 21 | 21 | 42 | 35% |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 60 | 324 | 101 | 485 | 100% |

| Wreck Type | W0000 | W1000 | W2000 | W3000 | W4000 | Total | % |
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| OT | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| TS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| TC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| PC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| OTC | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% |

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5 Focus Group update

- Inter-AC Brexit Forum
- Landing Obligation
- Skates & Rays
- Climate & Environment
- Control & Compliance
- Social Aspects
- Seismic & Wind energy
- Crab



Inter-AC Brexit Forum

- Established between PelAC, NWWAC, NSAC, MAC and LDAC
- 4 meetings:
 - 10 February chaired by the PelAC
 - 05 May chaired by the NWWAC
 - 02 June chaired by the NSAC
 - 30 June chaired by the MAC
- Commission attendance and updates (confidential)
- Joint letter on stakeholder participation in the Specialised Committee on Fisheries submitted on 04 April 2022, reply received 03 May 2022

Topics

- ACs' contribution to WG meetings in preparation for SCF TOR to ICES in development (the seabass assessment tool, discard survivability exemptions, mixed fisheries scenarios and stocks with no advice)
- TOR to ICES on Turbot & Brill NS TAC, Lemon Sole & Witch NS TAC and Plaice 7de TAC (finalized)
- Formalization of quota swapping procedures/structure
- Fisheries management of non-quota species – multi-annual plan parameters
- Listing and prioritization of topics to EC for SCF agenda
- UK waters management and control (measures in line with TCA, non-discriminatory, balanced, proportional and science-based)
- EU stakeholder contact for imminent issues for which SCF is not agile enough
- Specific fisheries stakeholder advice forum (ACs) in addition to DAG & CSF + direct contact ACs – DG MARE (relevant units)
- Guidelines for management of special stocks (stocks with 0 TAC advice, stocks caught in mixed fishery, other stocks)

Landing Obligation

- Emiel Brouckaert, Rederscentrale
- 2 meetings virtual (Feb, Apr 2022)
- NWWAC recommendation to update the economic fleet data to reflect the current commodity price crisis submitted to the Commission on 13 May 2022, reply received from the Commission 21 June 2022
- NWWAC advice on Joint Recommendation Discard Plan submitted to the NWW MSG on 27 April 2022.
- Next work: NWWAC advice Fishing Opportunities 2023

Joint NWWAC/NSAC Focus Group Skates & Rays

- Led by the NWWAC
- Chair John Lynch, IS&EFPO, Vice-Chair Johnny Woodlock, Irish Seal Sanctuary
- 2 virtual meetings (December 2021, February 2022)
- Submission of supporting information for the setting up of an STECF Expert Working Group on Skates & Rays in January 2022
- Submission of NWWAC Advice on best practice measures for the management of skates and rays in the North Western Waters and the North Sea to the NWW Member States Group in May 2022
- Work of the ACs on this topic has been positively noted by the Commission as it informed the EU-UK negotiations
- Individual members participated in the Dutch Elasmobranch Society's workshop on the implementation of the roadmap that is part of the High survivability exemption for skates and rays caught by all fishing gears in the North Sea in ICES division 3a and ICES subarea 4 (Article 9 of Regulation (EU) No 2019/2238), Amsterdam 07 – 08 June
- Invitation for observer participation in STECF EWG 22-08 skates & rays scheduled for 26 – 30 September 2022, preference given to NWWAC and NSAC members
- Proposal to organise a workshop similar to the EC Focus Group meeting held in 2017 in Brussels including representatives from the European Commission, Member States representatives, interested ACs, STECF, national research institutes

Climate & Environment

- Chair Jacopo Pasquero, EBCD
- Working on response to public consultation on “Sustainable EU Food System” (deadline 21 July)
- Following developments on decarbonization – waiting for clear indications from the Commission

Control & Compliance

- Chair Sean O’Donoghue
- On hold – work to be resumed once the new Control Regulation is approved

Joint NWWAC/NSAC Focus Group Social

Aspects

- Led by NWWAC
- Chair Bruno Dachicourt, ETF, Vice-Chair Jasmine Vlietinck, Rederscentrale
- 6 virtual meetings (Nov 2021, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, Jun 2022)
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC submission to European Commission regarding the fuel crisis, submitted 14 March, reply received 16 March
- Development of draft advice in progress
- Next meeting September 2022



Underwater Noise & Offshore wind energy developments

- NWWAC/PelAC virtual workshop on the impacts of seismic and offshore wind energy developments held on 10 May 2022, report is being finalised
- Pre-meeting held on 03 May, Chair Gonçalo Carvalho (PelAC OIG Vice-Chair)
- Development of draft advice paper by NWWAC Secretariat
- 08 June meeting of the NWWAC/PelAC advice drafting group to review draft advice document
- 23 June Draft advice sent for approval to HWG
- 30 June Draft advice sent for approval to ExCom



Brown Crab

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Regulatory measures

Closed areas

Conservation areas

Other marine uses

mapbox



Launch of the NWWAC Online Chart Tool prototype

The NWWAC is shaped by its membership. We want to ensure the advice we produce is **fully representative** and

Thank you.

North Western Waters Advisory Council 