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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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28 September 2022

# Agenda

09:00 – 09:40	_____	1	Welcome & Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome from the Chair (Emiel Brouckaert)</li><li>• Apologies</li><li>• Adoption of the agenda</li><li>• Action points from the last meeting</li><li>• Actions arising from the Working Groups</li></ul>
09:40 – 10:10	_____	2	Dialogue with DG MARE- Mr Fabrizio Donatella, Director MARE C
10:10 – 10:30	_____	3	TCA & SCF State of Play
10:30 – 10:45	_____		COFFEE BREAK
10:45 – 11:00	_____	4	ExCom Nominations
11:00 – 11:20	_____	5	NWWAC Work Programme and Budget update Year 17
11:20 – 11:40	_____	6	NWWAC Work Programme and Budget update Year 18
11:40 – 11:55	_____	7	Upcoming meetings
11:55 – 12:00	_____	8	Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

# Action points from the last meeting

1. Following Dialogue with Director Donatella, members are invited to send further questions to the Secretariat which will then forward same to Director Donatella.
2. Brexit implications on the functioning of the CFP will be debated separately from the CFP reporting exercise by DG MARE. The topic could be considered in the ToR of the soon to be established ADG on CFP. The listing of topics from the CFP report consultation provided by Director Donatella in his address will be the basis for the ADG Terms of Reference.
3. Once the STECF report on NQS is available, it should be reviewed by the NWWAC and the Inter-AC Brexit Forum to decide on advice on single AC or multi-AC issues.
4. The ExCom approved the joint-ACs letter on stakeholder engagement in SCF prepared by the Inter-AC Brexit Forum.
5. The ExCom approved the Secretariat proposal to allocate Y17 budget to website update.
6. Secretariat to ask for members' opinions on future organisation of meetings – fully virtual/hybrid/fully live. The NWWAC will continue liaising with ICES on their live participation at meetings.

# Action points Working Group 1 – Irish Sea

<b>1</b>	Keep the topic of Irish Sea cod closure for the next meeting of WG1 in March 2023.
<b>2</b>	Secretariat to raise the topic of bycatch measures for whiting with the presidency of the NWW MSG for further discussion
<b>3</b>	Secretariat to raise the issue of the cod closure with the NWW MSG
<b>4</b>	Keep the topic of offshore wind energy developments on the agenda for the next meeting in March 2023.
<b>5</b>	Members will keep an eye on the Department's announcement of which applicants have been selected to ensure the AC has opportunity to provide advice.
<b>6</b>	Secretariat to share link for La Tene maps on ORE distribution.

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

<b>1</b>	Secretariat to update and finalise the choke traffic light tool based on today's discussions taking into account previous NWWAC advice.
<b>2</b>	Secretariat to circulate link to benchmark report on hake
<b>3</b>	Secretariat to organise ad-hoc meeting on hake with members of ADG Technical Measures and including invitation to other observers
<b>4</b>	The Secretariat to contact the other relevant ACs to initiate a joint submission on the VME topic
<b>5</b>	The Secretariat to circulate additional information on North Sea cod workshop if and when available
<b>6</b>	The Secretariat to circulate additional information on developments and stakeholder consultation of the offshore wind in the CS by Crown Estate if and when available

# Action points Working Group 3 – Channel

<b>1</b>	Secretariat to update and finalise the choke traffic light tool based on today's discussions taking into account previous NWWAC advice.
<b>2</b>	The Secretariat will organise meetings for both FG Whelk and Scallop in October to follow up on previous recommendations.
<b>3</b>	The Secretariat to share link to DEFRA Focus Group on Dolphin Head HPMA and attend for reporting purposes only.
<b>4</b>	Secretariat to enquire the NWW MSG about information on flyshoot fishing activities in EU waters. If data is available, an ad-hoc group could be established to respond to the UK consultation on the matter.



# Action points Horizontal Working Group

<b>1</b>	Secretariat to get in touch with ORE to organise presentation on Irish Maritime Planning Act 2021 in collaboration with the PelAC
<b>2</b>	Secretariat to monitor registry for participation at stakeholder workshop on MSFD on 15 November organised by the Commission.
<b>3</b>	Secretariat to contact NSAC to restart FG MSFD.
<b>4</b>	Secretariat to collect topics to be suggested for the agenda of the upcoming NWW MSG meeting on 26 September.
<b>5</b>	Secretariat to consider if a specific forum is needed for further follow-up of developments in global environmental policies.
<b>6</b>	The Focus LO to discuss and propose contracting Michael Keating to work on Choke Mitigation Tool.
<b>7</b>	The Focus Group Climate & Environment will start working on bottom trawling in VMEs in preparation to the Commission's public consultation.
<b>8</b>	Secretariat to organise new Focus Group Control with new Terms of Reference to be agreed.
<b>9</b>	Secretariat to propose to NSAC to take over lead of the joint FG on Social Aspects.



- 2 Dialogue with DG MARE- Fabrizio Donatella,  
Director MARE C.5
- 3 TCA & SCF State of Play





# TCA & SCF State of Play

- Inter-AC Brexit Forum: 15 Sep hosted by LDAC
- DG MARE Unit C5 Representatives
- SCF meeting 20 July – Minutes reported to be public soon
- Topics:
  - Celtic Sea TM
  - Grenadier & Sea Bream
  - Notification procedures
  - Guidelines special stocks
  - Requests to ICES
  - Non quota species
  - Preparation of Annual Consultation
  - Scottish TM enforcement
- EU WG last week to prepare 21 October SCF
- Preliminary date for next meeting Inter-AC Brexit Forum: 20 October hosted by PelAC



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# COFFEE BREAK

**10:30 – 10:45 CET**



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# ExCom Nominations

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- Blue Fish
- France Peche Durable et Responsable



# 5 NWWAC Work Programme and Budget update Year 17

- **Landing Obligation:** Discard Plan, Fishing Opportunities 2023, NWWAC Choke Tool 2022
- **Brexit:** Inter-AC Brexit Forum
- **CFP:** Response to the Commission consultation and MEP Mato's questionnaire
- **Social Aspects:** Draft advice in preparation
- **Offshore wind energy developments and underwater noise:** joint workshop with the PelAC (May 2022), workshop report, draft advice in preparation (Approval needed)
- **Climate & Environment:** Response to targeted consultation on the action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems & advice on EU public consultation "Sustainable food system framework initiative"
- **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), EFCA





# NWWAC meetings Year 17

- TOTAL number of meetings: 109
- 2 General Assemblies
  - July 2022 (hybrid), September 2022 (virtual)
- 3 Executive Committee
  - March 2022 (virtual), July 2022 (hybrid), September (virtual)
- 9 sub-regional Working Groups
  - March 2022 (virtual), July 2022 (hybrid), September (virtual)
- 3 Horizontal Working Groups
  - March 2022 (virtual), July 2022 (hybrid), September (virtual)
- 12 Focus and Advice Drafting Groups
  - 43 virtual meetings

Members are informed of all meetings via the monthly update available online in the Members Area on [www.nwwac.org](http://www.nwwac.org).

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



# Year 17 – NWWAC meetings – September 2022

- 11 Meetings between the ExCom Chair, Vice-Chairs and the Secretariat virtual (Oct, Nov, Dec 2021, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Sep 2022)
- 2 Sea bass virtual (Oct 2021, Aug 2022)
- 5 Landing Obligation virtual (Feb, Mar, Apr, Jul, Sep 2022)
- 3 Skates and Rays virtual (Dec 2021, Feb, Sep 2022)
- 6 MSFD virtual (Oct, Nov, Dec 2021, 2x Jan, Feb 2022)
- 7 Social Aspects virtual (Nov 2021, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, Sep 2022)
- 3 Climate & Environment virtual (2x Nov 2021, May 2022)
- 2 Whelk virtual (Oct, Dec 2021)
- 1 ADG CFP review (Feb 2021)
- 5 Inter-AC Brexit Forum with PelAC, NSAC, LDAC, MAC virtual (Feb, May, 2x June, Sep 2022)
- 1 meeting with PelAC re. gentlemen's agreement (February 2022)
- 1 ADG Eel (Mar 2022)

# Year 17 – NWWAC meetings – September 2022

- 2 ADG Celtic Sea Technical Measures virtual (May 2022)
- 3 NWWAC/PelAC ADG Underwater Noise and Wind energy developments virtual (May, Jun, Sep 2022)
- 1 FG WebGIS tool development (Sep 2022)
- 1 ADG CFP (Sep 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)
- **4 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

- 11 North Western Waters Member States Group virtual (2x Oct, 2x Nov, Dec 2021, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Sep 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)



# External meetings with NWWAC participation – July 2022

- Meeting with the EU Ambassador to the UK João Vale de Almeida, in person (Jun 2022)
- ICES MIAC & MIACO hybrid (Jun 2022)
- DG MARE 2022 Seminar on Fisheries Science (Jun 2022)
- UN Ocean Conference 2022 virtual (Jun/Jul 2022)
- DG MARE Meeting on the implementation of the Deep-Sea Access Regulation virtual (Jul 2022)
- 2 Defra Highly Protected Marine Areas in English Waters Meeting with European Stakeholders virtual (Aug, Sep 2022)
- 1 COM Fishing for Litter virtual (September 2022)
- STECF EWG 22-08 Skates & Rays virtual (September 2022)

# Year 17 – Upcoming meetings

- Proposal for an NWWAC meeting policy

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AC Spring meetings (March)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee	In person attendance required
AC Summer meetings (July)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee	In person attendance required
AC Autumn meetings (September)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee General Assembly	Virtual (Zoom)

AC Spring meetings (March)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee	Virtual (Zoom) Virtual (Zoom) In person attendance required
AC Summer meetings (July)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee	In person attendance required
AC Autumn meetings (September)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee General Assembly	Virtual (Zoom)

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AC Spring meetings (March)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee	Virtual (Zoom)
AC Summer meetings (July)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee	In person attendance required
AC Autumn meetings (September)	Horizontal Working Group Working Group 1-3 Executive Committee General Assembly	Virtual (Zoom)

# Year 17 – Upcoming meetings

- ADG CFP virtual (30 Sep)
- DG MARE & AC Secretariats meeting on financial matters, virtual (Oct 2022)
- EFCA Advisory Board, Vigo (Oct 2022)
- NWW HLG virtual (Oct 2022)
- DG MARE Inter-AC possibly in person (Nov 2022)
- IOC-UNESCO 5<sup>th</sup> International MSP Forum (Nov 2022), Barcelona
- MIAC/MIACO (Jan 2023)
- NWWAC spring meetings (March 2023)
- NWWAC summer meetings (03-05 July 2023)
- NWWAC autumn meetings (September 2023)





## 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	
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 385,200</b>	<b>€ 319,200</b>	<b>€ 44,500*</b> based on actual expenditure

\* Commission income is dependent on the total, audited, eligible expenditure – reimbursement of 85,67% of eligible costs.



# Year 17 – Expenditure – Current Position

	<b>Eligible Predicted Budget 01 October 2021</b>	<b>Actual Expenditure up to 23 September 2022</b>	<b>Estimated actual expenditure 30 September 2022</b>
Staff	€203,096.75	€150,193.73	€165,909.80
Reimbursements	€62,786.00	€9,317.31	€9,317.31
Interpretation & Translation	€56,970.00	€62,974.36	€71,911.96
Meetings and Information	€3,397.25	€3,785.80	€8,367.55
Operating costs	€22,950.00	€25,567.18	€25,567.18
Chairman Fees	€15,000.00	€8,451.90	€10,951.00
Other contracts	€21,000.00	€72,889.37	€74,734.37
<b>Total</b>	<b>€385,200.00</b>	<b>€333,179.65</b>	<b>€366,700.07</b>



# 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







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# Work Programme Year 18

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# 3 Discussion and approval of NWWAC Work Programme & Budget Year 18

- **Commission report on the CFP**
- **Landing Obligation**
- **Technical Measures**
- **Non-quota species**
- **WW Multi-Annual Plan**
- **TACs & quotas**
- **Impact of the EU-UK TCA**
- **Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management**
- **Environment**
- **Social Aspects**
- **Control and Compliance**
- **Overall follow-up of achievement of the CFP objectives**



# Work priorities identified for each Working Group

- **Working Group 1 – Irish Sea**
  - TACs & Quotas
  - Technical Measures
  - Choke Mitigation Tool
  - Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management
- **Working Group 2 – Celtic Sea & West of Scotland**
  - TACs & Quotas
  - Technical Measures
  - Choke Mitigation Tool
  - Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management
- **Working Group 3 – Channel**
  - TACs & Quotas
  - Technical Measures
  - Choke Mitigation Tool
  - Non-quota species via relevant Focus Groups
- **Horizontal Working Group**
  - Functioning of the CFP
  - Landing Obligation
  - Other CFP Objectives and impact of the EU-UK TCA
  - Ecosystem based approach to fisheries management
  - Environmental aspects relating to fisheries in the NWW, including the EU Farm to Fork Strategy, the Biodiversity Strategy etc.
  - Social Aspects
  - Control & Compliance
  - Overall follow-up of achievement of the CFP objectives

# Planned recommendations YR18



No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)
1	Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in the NWW after exemptions	Article 2, 14, 15	WG1, WG2, WG3	December 2022
2	Advice following the finalisation of the Discard Plan 2021 – 2023	Article 2, 14, 15\e	Focus Group Landing Obligation	May 2023
3	Advice following the Joint workshop on the Landing Obligation Compliance Evaluation in relation to CFP evaluation	Article 2, 14, 15	Focus Group Landing Obligation	March 2023
4	Advice on the implementation of the EU Technical Measures Regulation, including directed fisheries definition	Article 2, 10	Horizontal Working Group	June 2023
5	Advice on Technical Measures as a topic in the execution of the TCA	Article 2	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	July 2023
6	Advice on management measures for sea bass 2023	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Sea bass	November 2022
7	Advice on the management of Brown Crab	Article 2	Focus Group Brown Crab	June 2023
8	Advice on the management of Scallops	Article 2	Focus Group Scallops	June 2023
9	Advice on the management of Whelks	Article 2	Focus Group Whelks	April 2023
10	Advice on Fishing Opportunities 2024	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	WG1, WG2, WG3	July 2023
11	Advice on the management of skates & rays	Article 2, 10, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Skates & Rays	November 2022
12	Advice relating to SCF issues: technical measures, non-quota species etc.	Article 2, 14, 15	Horizontal WG	December 2022
13	Advice related to climate & environment topics, e.g., EU Biodiversity Strategy, EU Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy	Article 2	Focus Group Climate & Environment	January 2023
14	Advice on social aspects related to fisheries in the NWW	Article 2	Focus Group Social Aspects	February 2023



# Planned meetings Year 18

No	Date	Topics /subjects of meeting	Type of meeting (physical/planned/hybrid)	European Commission participation requested (yes/no)	If Commission participation requested, specific issues to be dealt with	Priority for a Commission participation (from 1 to 4) (1= highest priority)
1	10 October 2022	Focus Group Sea bass	virtual	yes	Sea bass advice for fishing opportunities 2023, catch allocation tool, EU-UK harmonisation	1
2	13 October 2022	Focus Group Landing Obligation	physical	no		
3	18 October 2022	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
4	24 October 2022	Focus Group Whelk	virtual	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-04	1
5	28 October 2022	Focus Group Brown Crab	virtual	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-04	1
6	01 November 2022	Focus Group Climate & Environment	virtual	no		
7	07 November 2022	Focus Group Scallop	virtual	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-04	
8	24 November 2022	Focus Group Skates & Rays	physical	yes	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-08	1
9	30 November 2022	Focus Group Sea bass	virtual	no		





# Planned meetings cntd.

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10	16 December 2022	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
11	10 January 2023	Focus Group Brown Crab	virtual	no		
12	31 January 2023	Focus Group Control	virtual	no		
13	08 February 2023	Focus Group Climate & Environment	virtual	no		
14	22 February 2023	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no		
15	13 March 2023	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023	1
16	13 March 2023	Working Group 3 English Channel	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023, non-quota species	1
17	14 March 2023	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	hybrid	yes	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023	1
18	14 March 2023	Horizontal Working Group	hybrid	yes	TCA &SCF, UK Technical Measures, EU public consultation Protecting the seabed from bottom trawling by fishing vessels	1
19	15 March 2023	Executive Committee	hybrid	yes		1



# Year 18 – Upcoming meetings

- NWWAC meeting policy
- 30 September ADG CFP
- 04 October NWWAC OIG meeting
- 11 October Commission – AC Secretariats finance & administration meeting
- 24 October EFCA Advisory Board
- 24 October NWW MS Technical Group
- 17 November Inter-AC with DG MARE
- 21-23 November IOC – UNESCO Marine Spatial Planning
- 12 January MIACO
- 14 – 16 March NWWAC plenary meetings
- 04 – 06 July NWWAC plenary meetings (in person)
- September NWWAC plenary meetings (virtual)

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Thank you.

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