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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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05 July 2023

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Agenda

09:00 – 09:20	_____	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 (15 March 2023, Santiago de Compostela)
09:20 – 10:00	_____	2	Approval of action points from the Working Groups
10:00 – 10:45	_____	3	Dialogue with DG MARE– Mr. Fabrizio Donatella, Director MARE C
10:45 – 11:00	_____		COFFEE BREAK
11:00 – 11:30	_____	4	Dialogue with NWW Member States Group – Marissa Giesen, Nanou Beekman, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality Netherlands
11:30 – 12:00	_____	5	Performance Review update – Noémi van Bogaert
12:00 – 12:45	_____	6	NWWAC Work Programme and Budget update Year 18 – Secretariat
12:45 – 12:50	_____	7	AOB
12:50 – 13:00	_____	8	Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

Action points from the last meeting

1. Members to send any additional questions for Director Donatella to the Secretariat for written follow up.
2. AC to review TCA 2026 and consider development of advice.
3. Members to review WP presentation, and specifically the planned recommendations and meetings.
4. Secretariat to contact members regarding points for inclusion in the WP for YR19.
5. Members to send any questions to the Secretariat for written follow-up with EFCA.
6. Focus Group Control & Compliance to include points from this discussion in its Terms of Reference.

NWWAC non-consensus procedure

- Raised in WG 3 as an action point at the last meeting in Santiago de Compostela
- Proposed text for submission to the General Assembly:

109. The Secretariat will draft an NWWAC opinion trying to accommodate all points of view. In case no consensus can be found, minority opinions must be recorded. If a minority opinion is supported by one organisation, it will be recorded as a foot note. If **the same minority position** is supported by more than one organisation, **the text of the foot note** will be added **into** the text of the advice. If the minority opinion requests further explanation, it can be added as an annex no longer than one page.
110. **Focus Group members approve the draft advice document prior to submission for approval into the relevant Working Group. If Focus Group members cannot agree the text by simple majority, the draft advice shall not be pursued.**

Action points Working Group 1 – Irish Sea

- 1** Comments from members following the presentation of the ICES advice will be taken into account in the preparation of the advice on fishing opportunities by the FG landing obligation.

These recommendations include and are not limited to:

- Information on whether a stock has been put through TAF on the advice sheet
- Use of Multiannual Plans in headline advice where possible
- Clarify in the advice that the conservation status refers to pressures on the stock that are not related to fishing

- 2** ICES should be asked to clarify its new benchmark procedure

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

- 1** Comments from members following the presentation of the ICES advice will be taken into account in the preparation of the advice on fishing opportunities by the FG landing obligation.

These recommendations include and are not limited to:

- The creation of a mechanism for the industry to provide structured data to be included in the ICES advice
- Advice sheet should include table with comparison between TACs and advice in previous years. It would be also useful to have a graph showing how the advice has evolved over the years.

- 2** Members should send any pending comments/questions on the ICES advice to the Secretariat who will forward them to Joanne via email
- 3** As a follow up of the letter sent to the COM on 9 May on climate change impacts in stock assessment for cod, emphasise the need to quantify such impacts in the advice on fishing opportunities.

Action points Working Group 3 – Channel

- 1 Comments from members following the presentation of the ICES advice will be taken into account in the preparation of the advice on fishing opportunities by the FG landing obligation.
In particular, the impact of new possible TACs (brill, lemon sole, witch) should be considered.
- 2 The CNPMEM proposal on red mullet has been approved by WG3 and will be submitted in the form of AC advice to the ExCom for approval.
- 3 The NWWAC will consider the possibility to revise and update its advice on whelk following internal discussions in France.
- 4 Once trials on new ring size by Irish vessels are complete, the FG Scallop will meet in person to finalise its advice. In the meantime, the Secretariat will continue liaising with the Commission on developments on the topic within the specialized committee on fisheries.

Action points Horizontal Working Group

- 1 FG Landing Obligation to include conservation measures topic and others identified in discussion in advice on Fishing Opportunities
- 2 Secretariat to send any questions arising from discussions to Joanne Morgan following the HWG meeting
- 3 Secretariat to contact ICES regarding the update to benchmark procedures as agreed in ACOM
- 4 Alice Belin to forward to the Secretariat information regarding impact assessments as part of the development of the Nature Restoration Law
- 5 AC to address absence of OECMs in the Commissions presentations on the NRL
- 6 Identify FG to pick up this topic for potential development of advice on the NRL
- 7 Follow up on MSFD/indicator aspects in FG Climate & Environment and review work with NSAC regarding MSFD follow-up
- 8 Identify who will attend MSCG and TG Seabed as NWWAC representative

Action points Horizontal Working Group

- 9 FG CFP to refer to Hans Polet's presentation in advice on Action Plan
- 10 Proposal to the Executive Committee to approve the Terms of Reference for the joint NWWAC/PelAC Focus Group Spatial Dimension
- 11 Secretariat to draft a letter to EFCA conveying the AC's disappointment regarding lack of EFCA availability for meetings, about involvement in weighing procedure study and to progress organisation of workshop
- 12 Following response to invitation for October workshop, follow up regarding in person meeting with delegation from the FG Control
- 13 Secretariat to follow up with CIBBRiNA organisers on kick off meeting and placement of work within the NWWAC work programme
- 14 Secretariat to circulate the CABfishMAN presentation once received
- 15 Secretariat to contact Arantza Murillas with any questions following the HWG meeting



3 Dialogue with DG MARE- Fabrizio Donatella, Director MARE C

COFFEE BREAK

10:45 – 11:00 CET



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- A wide-angle photograph of a harbor scene. Several fishing boats are moored along a stone quay on the right side. The boats are in various colors, including blue, red, and orange. Some have identification numbers like 'DA 50' and 'DA 72'. In the background, a small town is visible on a hillside across the water. The sky is clear and blue.
- 4 Dialogue with NWW Member States Group –
Marissa Giesen, Ministry of Agriculture, Nature and
Food Quality Netherlands
 - 5 Performance Review update – Noémi van Bogaert
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Work Programme Year 18



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

NWWAC meetings Year 18

- 121 number of meetings:
- 2 Executive Committee
 - March (Santiago de Compostela), July (Ghent)
- 6 sub-regional Working Groups
 - March (Santiago de Compostela), July (Ghent)
- 2 Horizontal Working Group
 - March (Santiago de Compostela), July (Ghent)
- 11 Focus and Advice Drafting Groups
 - 25 virtual meetings
 - 1 hybrid workshop

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 18 – NWWAC meetings – July 2023

- 11 Meetings between the ExCom Chair, Vice-Chairs and the Secretariat (virtual, Oct, 2x Nov 2022, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May 2x Jun 2023)
- 1 Management Team – Secretariat – Performance Review Team (virtual, 19 Oct 2022)
- 2 Landing Obligation (in person Nov 2022, virtual Feb, Mar 2023)
- 3 Skates and Rays (virtual, Oct, Dec 2022, Mar 2023)
- 4 Social Aspects (virtual, Oct, Nov 2022, Feb, Mar 2023)
- 1 Whelk (virtual, Dec 2022)
- 5 Brown Crab (virtual, Oct, Nov 2022, Jan, Feb, Mar 2023)
- 1 Scallop (virtual, Jan 2023)
- 2 CFP (virtual, May, Jun 2023)
- 1 Control & Compliance (virtual, May 2023)
- 1 WebGIS (virtual, Oct 2022)
- 1 ACFishMap Training Workshop (virtual, Dec 2022)
- 5 Inter-AC Brexit Forum with PelAC, NSAC, LDAC, MAC (virtual, Oct, Dec 2022, Feb, May, Jun 2023)

External meetings with NWWAC participation – July 2023

- 7 North Western Waters Member States Group (virtual, Oct 2022, 2x Feb, 3x Apr, May 2023)
- 2 EFCA Advisory Board (hybrid, Oct 2022, in person Apr 2023)
- 3 EU Commission finance meetings (virtual Oct, Nov 2022, Apr 2023)
- 2 Inter-AC meetings (virtual Nov 2022, in person Mar 2023)
- WKEMBY (virtual, October 2022)
- EFCA Seminar on the Five-Year Independent External Evaluation of the European Fisheries Control Agency (Vigo, Oct 2022)
- WKRRCOD (Edinburgh, Nov 2022)
- SEAwise workshop (virtual, Nov 2022)
- DG ENV MSFD workshop (Brussels, Nov 2022)



- MSE Optimizing sustainable fishing on rebuilt fish stocks (virtual, Nov 2023)
- 'Mission "Restore our Ocean and Waters by 2030": an Atlantic-Arctic lighthouse (Cork, Nov 2023)
- ICES ADGVME2 (virtual, Nov 2023)
- Mesa de la Ciencia Pesquera (Vigo, Dec 2022)
- Roundtable discussion with Commissioner Sinkevičius to (Brussels, Dec 2022)
- AC Chairs & Secretariats meeting (Copenhagen, Jan 2023)
- MIAC / MIACO (Copenhagen, Jan 2023)
- Launch of EFCA's chartered patrol vessels (Vigo, Jan 2023)
- Seafish meeting on UK Fisheries Management Plans (virtual, Jan 2023)
- NMCI Seafarer's Conference 2023 (Limerick, Feb 2023)
- Northern Fishing Alliance Spatial Squeeze WG (London, Feb 2023)
- ICES WGMIXFISH (virtual, Mar 2023)
- ICES ADGVME (virtual, Mar 2023)



External meetings with NWWAC participation – July 2023 (cntd.)

- NWW MSG Technical Group (virtual, 16 March 2023)
- CABFISHMAN final symposium (Bilbao, 22 March 2023)
- OREDP II (Dundalk, 24 March 2023)
- EFARO Webinar: the future of the bottom trawl (virtual, 31 March 2023)
- NWW MSG Technical Group (virtual, 04 April 2023)
- NWW MS High Level Group (virtual, 11 April 2023)
- Pre WGNSSK (virtual, 12 April 2023)
- Mesa Ciencia Pesquera (Vigo, 12 April 2023)
- ICES App training (virtual, 13 April)
- EFARO Webinar: WEBINAR on Offshore Wind Farms and how we monitor their impact in Europe (virtual, 14 April)
- EFCA Advisory Board (virtual, 19 April 2023)
- Commission update on the review of the VME list (virtual, 25 April 2023)
- NWW MSG Technical Group (virtual, 25 April 2023)

External meetings with NWWAC participation – July 2023 (cntd.)

- DG ENV Marine Strategy Coordination Group (hybrid, 11 May 2023)
- ICES WKSTIMP (hybrid, 16–18 May 2023)
- ICES WKRRCOD (Edinburgh, 23 May 2023)
- European Maritime Day (Brest, 24 – 25 May 2023)
- Commission launch of the partnership on the Energy Transition in the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector, (Brussels, 16 June)
- SEAwisE workshop (virtual, 15 June 2023)
- Commission launch of the partnership on the Energy Transition in the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector, (Brussels, 16 June)
- BIM Strategic Leadership Team (Dun Laoghaire, 19 June 2023)
- DHLGH Advisory Group Ecological sensitivity analysis of the western Irish Sea to inform potential future designation of MPAs (virtual 19 June 2023)
- NWW MSG (virtual 20 June 2023)
- Upcoming: Northern Fishing Alliance (Boulogne sur Mer, 22–23 August)

Planned recommendations YR18

No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)	State of Play
1	Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in the NWW after exemptions	Article 2, 14, 15	WG1, WG2, WG3	December 2022	Delivered 09/12/2022
2	Advice following the finalisation of the Discard Plan 2021 – 2023	Article 2, 14, 15\e	Focus Group Landing Obligation	May 2023	NWWAC advice on the 2023 Joint Recommendation Discard Plan delivered 17/04/2023
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	NWWAC advice on CFP reporting delivered 24/10/2022
4	Advice on the implementation of the EU Technical Measures Regulation, including directed fisheries definition	Article 2, 10	Horizontal Working Group	June 2023	Advice on hake management in the Celtic Sea in development NWWAC letter to DG MARE on climate change implications in the scientific assessment for cod stocks in the Celtic Seas ecoregion delivered 00/05/2023
5	Advice on Technical Measures as a topic in the execution of the TCA	Article 2	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	July 2023	

Planned recommendations YR18 (continued)

No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)	State of Play
6	Advice on management measures for sea bass 2023	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Sea bass	November 2022	Cancelled NWWAC letter to DG MARE on catch reporting for commercial shore netting in relation to seabass management delivered 28/04/2023
7	Advice on the management of Brown Crab	Article 2	Focus Group Brown Crab	June 2023	In development following May workshop
8	Advice on the management of Scallops	Article 2	Focus Group Scallops	June 2023	In development
9	Advice on the management of Whelks	Article 2	Focus Group Whelks	April 2023	Delivered 02/02/2023
10	Advice on Fishing Opportunities 2024	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	WG1, WG2, WG3, Focus Group Landing Obligation	July 2023	Planned for July 2023 Joint NWWAC-PelAC advice on sprat in the English Channel delivered 26/05/2023
11	Advice on the management of skates & rays	Article 2, 10, 14, 15, 16	Focus Group Skates & Rays	November 2022	Advice on the management of picked dogfish fishery in the NWW in 2023 delivered 09/03/2023 Joint NWWAC/NSAC letter on the prohibited species list delivered 06/04/2023 Joint NWWAC/NSAC advice on skates & rays management delivered 02/05/2023

Planned recommendations YR18 (continued)

No	Issue/subject	Link with the CFP	WG/FG at the origin of the recommendation	Planned date of adoption (if available)	State of Play
12	Advice relating to SCF issues: technical measures, non-quota species etc.	Article 2, 14, 15	Horizontal WG, WG3, Focus Group Whelk, Focus Group Scallop	December 2022	Advice on Whelk management submitted on 02/02/2022 Advice on Scallop management in progress Proposal for advice on red mullet
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	NWWAC/PelAC advice on impact of underwater noise and offshore wind energy delivered 11/10/2022 Feedback on energy transition delivered 01/12/2022
14	Advice on social aspects related to fisheries in the NWW	Article 2	Focus Group Social Aspects	February 2023	Delivered 20/12/2022 NSAC/NWWAC Advice on the Evaluation of Directive 97/70/EC on harmonised safety regime for fishing vessels of 24 metres in length and over delivered 11/05/2023

Additional recommendations (July 2023)

- Joint NWWAC/SWWAC letter on stakeholder engagement over the implementation of the Deep-sea Access Regulation (10 November 2022)
- NWWAC letter on the display of fisheries management related data (09 December 2022)
- Joint ACs letter to the Commission on promotion of Advisory Councils (03 February 2023)
- AC response on the targeted consultation on the Western Waters Multiannual Plan (09 March 2023)
- NWWAC letter on the joint special group on implementing the Marine Action Plan (06 June 2023)
- NWWAC letter to DG MARE on difficulties with the landing obligation (13 June 2023)
- NWWAC letter to EFCA on the report on evaluation of compliance with the landing obligation in the NWW (19 June 2023)

Year 18 WP Meetings (July 2023)

No	Date (for the first 6 months, please provide precise dates)	Topics/ subjects of meeting	If Commission participation requested, specific issues to be dealt with	Actual date held
1	10 October 2022	Focus Group Sea bass	Sea bass advice for fishing opportunities 2023, catch allocation tool, EU-UK harmonisation	Via written procedure
2	13 October 2022	Focus Group Landing Obligation		29 November
3	18 October 2022	Focus Group Social Aspects		13 October
4	24 October 2022	Focus Group Whelk		05 December
5	28 October 2022	Focus Group Brown Crab		18 October
6	01 November 2022	Focus Group Climate & Environment	Discussion of the results from STECF EWG 22-04	28 September
7	07 November 2022	Focus Group Scallop		
8	24 November 2022	Focus Group Skates & Rays		
9	30 November 2022	FG Brown Crab		30 November
		Focus Group Sea bass		Via written procedure
		FG Skates & Rays		08 December
10	16 December 2022	Focus Group Social Aspects		20 February
11	10 January 2023	Focus Group Brown Crab		24 January
		NWWAC/PelAC Briefing		19 January
		Focus Group Scallop		31 January
12	31 January 2023	Focus Group Control		14 December
13	08 February 2023	Focus Group Climate & Environment		
		NWWAC/NSAC Workshop on Skates & Rays Management		09 February
14	22 February 2023	Focus Group Social Aspects		03 March
		FG Landing Obligation		06 February
		FG Brown Crab		28 February
		FG Skates & Rays		02 March
15	13 March 2023	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023	13 March
16	13 March 2023	Working Group 3 English Channel	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023, non-quota species	13 March
17	14 March 2023	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	Technical measures, Discard Plan beyond 2023	14 March
18	14 March 2023	Horizontal Working Group	TCA & SCF, UK Technical Measures, EU public consultation Protecting the seabed from bottom trawling by fishing vessels	14 March
19	15 March 2023	Executive Committee	Dialogue with DG MARE: Overview on ongoing dossiers and upcoming advice requests; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2024,	15 March

Year 18 Upcoming Meetings (July 2023)

		FG Crab		27 March
		FG Social Aspects		27 March
		FG Landing Obligation		28 March
		FG Skates & Rays		30 March
		FG Control & Compliance		11 May
		Brown Crab Workshop		16 May
		FG CFP		22 May
		Hake Workshop		06 June
		FG CFP		19 June
20	03 July 2023	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	03 July
21	03 July 2023	Working Group 3 English Channel	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	03 July
22	04 July 2023	Horizontal Working Group	depending on the topics discussed a DG MARE expert will be requested	04 July
23	04 July 2023	General Assembly		cancelled
24	04 July	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	ICES advice, NWWAC choke tool update, Stock specific discussions with DG MARE experts	03 July
25	05 July 2023	Executive Committee	Dialogue with the Commission and Member States; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2024	05 July
26	21 September 2023	Horizontal Working Group	depending on the topics discussed a DG MARE expert will be requested	
27	21 September 2023	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non- quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	
28	22 September 2023	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non-quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	
29	22 September 2023	Working Group 3 English Channel	Stock specific discussions relating to technical measures, landing obligation, discard plan, non-quota stocks etc with DG MARE experts	
30	23 September 2023	Executive Committee	Dialogue with DG MARE: Overview on ongoing dossiers and upcoming advice requests; EU-UK negotiations, fishing opportunities 2024	
31	23 September 2023	General Assembly		

Upcoming NWWAC meetings – July 2023

- FG Landing Obligation (virtual 13 July 2023)
 - NWWAC geographic WGs (virtual 13 September 2023)
 - NWWAC Horizontal WG (virtual 26 September 2023)
 - NWWAC ExCom (virtual 27 September 2023)
 - NWWAC GA (virtual 27 September 2023)
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- MIAC/MIACO (Copenhagen, January 2024)
 - NWWAC WGs and ExCom (Dublin, 13 – 15 March 2024)

UPDATE ON YEAR 18 ACCOUNTS

Year 18 – Income – Current Position

	Original Budget 01 October 2022	Actual Income at 05 July 2023	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	€38,750	€ 32,600	
Total	€ 390,750	€ 314,200	€ 66,000

* Commission income agreed at €330,000 under new lumpsum approach. 100% grant once work programme is achieved.

Year 18 – Expenditure – Current Position

	Eligible Predicted Budget 01 October 2022	Actual Expenditure up to 05 July 2023	Estimated actual expenditure 30 September 2023
Staff	€ 170,466.85	€ 102,57.55	€ 172,500
Reimbursements	€ 82,002.50	€ 21,693.93	€ 50,000
Interpretation & Translation	€ 60,472.66	€ 58,217.12	€ 70,000
Meetings and Information	€ 8,234	€ 5,280.71	€ 12,000
Operating costs	€ 23,674.00	€ 21,318.17	€ 23,900
Chairman Fees / Audit	€ 20,000.00	€ 10,804.38	€ 18,000
Other contracts	€ 25,900.00	€ 20,455.66	€ 38,500
Total	€ 390,750	€ 240,345.52	€ 384,900

BIM – NWWAC agreement

- New agreement in preparation.
- BIM moving premises in 2023 once sanction has been given by the Department
- NWWAC Board of Directors have met with BIM CEO to ensure NWWAC office is accommodated in this move. in development



- 7 AOB
 - 8 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair
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Thank you.

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