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HORIZONTAL WORKING GROUP

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26 September 2023

Agenda

09:30 – 09:50	_____	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
09:50 – 10:10	_____	2	Irish Sea Ecological Sensitivity Analysis – Tasman Crowe, UCD Earth Institute
10:10 – 10:40	_____	3	Mission Atlantic – Dave Reid, Debbie Pedreschi, Marine Institute
10:40 – 11:00	_____	4	Celtic Sea Offshore Project – Cathal Boyle, Galettech Energy Developments
			Coffee
11:20 – 12:30	_____	6	Improving environmental sustainability of deep sea fisheries – James Clark, MRAG
12:30 – 12:50	_____	7	Focus Group update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inter-AC Brexit Forum• CFP• Landing Obligation
			Climate & Environment Skates & Rays
			Social Aspects Brown Crab Spatial Dimension (proposed)
12:50 – 12:55	_____	8	AOB
12:55 – 13:00	_____	9	Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair



Action points from the last meeting

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 Nature Restoration Law.
6. Identify FG to pick up this topic for potential development of advice on the Nature Restoration Law.
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.
9. FG CFP to refer to Hans Polet's presentation in advice on Action Plan.

Action points from the last meeting

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.



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COFFEE BREAK

11:15 – 11:25 CET

- 4 Celtic Sea Offshore Project – Paul Carney, Galetch Energy Development
 - 5 Improving environmental sustainability of deep sea fisheries – James Clark, MRAG
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6 Focus Group update

- Inter-AC Brexit Forum
- CFP
- Landing Obligation
- Climate & Environment
- Skates & Rays
- Control & Compliance
- Social Aspects
- Brown Crab
- Spatial dimension



Inter-AC Brexit Forum

- Established between PelAC, NWWAC, NSAC, MAC and LDAC
- 5 meetings:
 - 20 October 2022 chaired by the PelAC
 - 20 December chaired by the NWWAC
 - 24 February chaired by the NSAC
 - 15 May chaired by the MAC
 - 30 June chaired by the LDAC
- Commission attendance and updates (confidential)
- Topics at SCF:
 - Improved fisheries management in shared sea areas published in EUR-Lex
 - Transfer procedure fishing opportunities
 - Notifications guidelines
 - Framework for TCA TAC Alignment species
 - Special issues (e.g. scallops pilot for non quota species management)

Inter-AC Brexit Forum

- ACs horizontal topics listing
- Provisional EU – UK calendar
 - Week of 24 July Working Group
 - Week of 25 September Specialised Committee on Fisheries
 - Bilateral fishing opportunities 2024: listing expected end October
- Next meeting: 09 October





CFP

- Chair Alexandra Philippe, EBCD
- Vice-Chair Manu Kelberine, CRPMEM de Bretagne
- 2 meetings (May, June 2023)
- Advice on the Action Plan submitted 31 August 2023
- Members attending first meeting of joint special group on implementing the Marine Action Plan on 06 October 2023
- Next steps: advice on CFP report



Landing Obligation

- 1 virtual meeting on 13 July to prepare advice on Commission's Communication and ICES advice on Fishing Opportunities 2024 – advice submitted on 9 August.
- Next tasks:
 - Development of advice on choke risks
 - Input from regional WGs
 - Response to UK consultation on discard reform
 - Secretariat drafting



Joint NWWAC/NSAC Focus Group Skates & Rays

- Led by the NWWAC
- Chair John Lynch, IS&EFPO, Vice-Chair Johnny Woodlock, Irish Seal Sanctuary
- 4 virtual meetings (October, December 2022, March, Sep 2023)
- In person workshop held on 09 February 2023
 - 37 participants
 - 8 Member States + UK
- Workshop report published
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC letter on the prohibited species list submitted on 06 April 2023, response received
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC Advice on skates & rays management submitted on 02 May 2023, response received



Control

- Chair Patrick Murphy, Irish South & West FPO
- Last meeting on 20 July – discussion on how to approach new control regulation
- Organisation of meeting with EFCA in November
- Response to UK consultation on REM – deadline for comments 29 September





Climate & Environment

- New Chair Alexandra Philippe
- Need to review Terms of Reference taking into account the content of the CFP package - next proposed task: preparation of advice on the Communication on energy transition
- Next meeting: 13 October



Joint NSAC/NWWAC Focus Group Social Aspects

- Led by NSAC since 01 October 2022
- Chair Kenn Skau Fischer, Danmarks Fiskeriforening
- 5 virtual meetings (Oct, Nov 2022, Feb, Mar, Jul 2023)
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC advice on social aspects in fisheries submitted on 20 December 2022
- Joint 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 submitted on 11 May 2023
- Draft advice in preparation on generational renewal (national perspectives and projects) and recreational fisheries in the CFP



Joint NWWAC/NSAC/MAC Focus Group Brown Crab

- Established in October 2022
- Led by the NWWAC
- Chair Norah Parke, KFO
- 5 virtual meetings (October, November 2022, January, February, March 2023)
- Hybrid workshop held on 16 May in Paris
 - 41 participants (industry and OIG)
 - 6 Member States + UK + Norway
- Report published 06 July 2023
- Advice submitted 22 September 2023



Joint NWWAC/PelAC Focus Group Spatial Dimension

- Joint NWWAC/PelAC advice on the impacts of underwater noise and offshore wind energy developments on commercial fisheries submitted on 11 October 2022
- Joint NWWAC/PelAC Briefing on the Maritime Area Planning Act 2021 Ireland held on 19 January 2023
- Draft Terms of Reference approved July 2023
- Expressions of interest for participation sought from all members
- First meeting planned for December 2023
- Proposed Chair: Gonçalo Carvalho, PelAC OIG Vice-Chair



07 AOB

08 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

