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Agenda

11:30 – 11:45	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
11:45 – 12:15	2	ICES Advisory Process & MIAC/MIACO follow up – Joanne Morgan, ICES ACOM Vice-Chair
12:15 – 13:00	3	MSFD – the work of TG Seabed – Laurent Markovic, DG ENV
		Lunch
14:00 – 14:30	4	Nature Restoration Law – Laurent Markovic, DG ENV
14:30 – 15:00	5	SEAwise – Jochen Depestele,
15:00 – 15:30	6	ACFishMap update
		Coffee
15:30 – 17:20	7	Focus Group update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inter-AC Brexit Forum• CFP• Landing Obligation
		Climate & Environment Skates & Rays Control and Compliance
		Social Aspects Spatial Dimension
17:20 – 17:25	8	AOB
17:25 – 17:30	9	Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

Action points from the last NWWAC meeting

1. Reported FG proposed work and planning approved. FG Chairs to plan actions.
2. Comments made based on the Inter-AC presentation to be taken forward to DG MARE at AC Secretariats' meeting once scheduled.
3. Address topic of 'CFP Reform after COM reform' (Food Commissioner?) in FG CFP and prepare advice, including ACs direct contact with EP and Council.

Action points from joint NWWAC/PelAC HWG

Part 1 – Spatial Dimension

- ~~1. Both ACs to formally write a letter to Department in Ireland to object to decision ORE subgroup.~~
2. Put UK MPAs on agenda of next Inter-AC Brexit Forum as a priority issue to address.
3. Write a letter to understand which groups to engage with fisheries in the Special Member States Groups under marine action plan, to break the silo approach now happening. ACs to write letter to the COM to encourage to not work in silo but to bring environmental and fisheries topics in these groups. See if fisheries has a place in special MS groups, now all focused on environmental topics.

Action points from joint NWWAC/PeLAC HWG

4. Deltares reports are available in EN by googling 'WOZEP ecosystem effects'. Collect reports and circulate to members
5. Circulate Richard Cronin's notes to HWG participants

Part 2 – Control

1. Add concerns on point system and sanctions to list of common PelAC/NWWAC issues. We can see there are different procedures being developed, questions level playing field. Action to ask clarification on layers of sanctioning systems.
2. Add article 38 on requirement for continuous monitoring of engine power applicable to 'high risk' vessels to list of common issues. Important to add this to the list of how high risk will be defined in the context of engine power, when implementing acts will be developed.
3. Important to look at the objective harmonised control and enforcement. In the new control reg, there is no provision to take into account pre-existing arrangements, retrospective for individual MS. Without this, it's impossible to achieve a level playing field. New layer will not help harmonisation.

Action points from joint NWWAC/PeLAC HWG

4. Ask Commission for another meeting on CR as matter urgency. Meetings so far too overarching. We need a technical in-depth meeting with the key people involved in the unit. Submit request through a joint letter co-signed by other ACs. Should be in-person meeting. 1 draft for all ACs with this general request.
5. Draft another specific NWWAC/PeLAC letter on the CR raising key points presented and discussed during the meeting (check slide with basis for joint advice). Request to members: draft letter will be circulated, please be alert on the points you have brought forward to see if it has been captured correctly.



2 ICES Advisory Process & MIAC/MIACO follow up - Joanne Morgan, ICES ACOM Vice-Chair

- Stability clause for more stock categories
- Improving scientific knowledge for deep-water stocks
- ICES work on climate change impacts in NWW cod stock assessments (ref WS last month)
- ICES work on inclusion/consideration of stakeholder information, including fishers' perceptions, in stock assessments
- Application of the precautionary approach
- Avoidance of unwanted catches in stock assessments?



3 MSFD – the work of TG Seabed – Laurent Markovic, DG ENV

LUNCH

13:00 – 14:00 CET



4 Nature Restoration Law – Laurent Markovic,
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5 SEAwise – Jochen Depestele, ILVO



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COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 15:45 CET





7 Focus Group update

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



Inter-AC Brexit Forum

- Established between PelAC, NWWAC, NSAC, MAC and LDAC
- 5 meetings in Year 18 hosted in rotation by the PelAC, NWWAC, NSAC, MAC, LDAC
- 3 meetings in Year 19:
 - 09 October chaired by the PelAC
 - 05 February chaired by the NWWAC
 - 17 May chaired by the NSAC
- Commission attendance and updates (confidential)
- Topics at SCF:
 - Technical measures (working on a EU-UK report answering some of NWWAC issues)
 - UK Discard Plans & FMPs
 - King Scallops multi-year strategy
 - Skates & rays
 - Guidelines for special stocks (Roundnose Grenadier, TAC alignment,...)
 - Control & enforcement issues
 - Pollack – commercial, recreational – coordination of experts
 - Spurdog MCRS
 - (Avoiding topics for EU-UK bilateral)

Inter-AC Brexit Forum

- ACs horizontal topics listing to be reviewed
- Provisional EU – UK calendar
 - 31 Jul SCF Working Group
 - 24 Sep SCF Plenary
- Next meeting: September (tbc), chaired by the MAC

Inter-AC Brexit Forum - List of horizontal topics -

Topic	Timeline	EC Timeline	Status
ACs' contribution to WG meetings in preparation for SCF; Listing and prioritization of topics to EC for SCF agenda			
Fisheries management of non-quota species – multi-annual plan parameters; Update on the effort calculation figure in the TCA and data exchanges between the UK and the EU on the enforcement of limits/ceilings for non-quota species			
UK waters management and control (measures in line with TCA, non-discriminatory, balanced, proportional and science-based)		/	
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)			
Danish excluder device for the Norway pout fishery			
provide clarifications regarding the background of the EU request from DG ENV to ICES on the fishing pressure value			
Issue regarding the enforcement by Scottish authorities			
Designation and consultation process by DEFRA/MMO of Marine Protected Areas (MCZ) in UK waters			
Organisation of an annual planning meeting with the Commission of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum in January	Annually in January		2024 v
TCA post-2026			



CFP

- Chair Alexandra Philippe, EBCD
- Vice-Chair Manu Kelberine, CRPMEM de Bretagne
- Members attended second meeting of joint special group on implementing the Marine Action Plan on 18 June
- Next steps:
 - Follow-up on COM replies to advice and on actions stemming from Action Plan and CFP Communications
 - Prepare for review of CFP – provide feedback to call for evidence for an evaluation of the CFP (deadline 6 September)

Landing Obligation

- Chair Emiel Brouckaert
- Last meeting 29 January 2024
- Response to MRAG/Deloitte questionnaire on the evaluation of the LO submitted on 28 June 2024
- Letter on relevance and suitability of MRAG/Deloitte questionnaire submitted to DG MARE on 28 June 2024
- Next tasks:
 - Advice on Fishing Opportunities 2025
 - Follow-up on UK approach to discards
 - Follow-up on EFCA report on evaluation of compliance with the LO
 - Continuation of choke analysis / tool.
- Next meeting 24 July



Climate & Environment

- Chair Alexandra Philippe
- 1 meeting (Oct 2023)
- Terms of Reference approved October 2023
- NWWAC advice on the Communication from the Commission “On the Energy Transition of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture sector” COM(2023) 100 final submitted 28 November 2023, response received 19 March
- Next meeting: tbc

Joint NWWAC/NSAC Focus Group Skates & Rays

- Led by the NWWAC
- Chair John Lynch, IS&EFPO
- 2 virtual meetings (Dec 2023, Feb 2024)
- Request received from Commission for advice on splitting up of group TAC
- NWWAC/NSAC letter on TAC setting for skates & rays submitted on 03 April 2024, awaiting response
- Next meeting tbc



Focus Group Control, Enforcement & Compliance

- Chair Patrick Murphy, Irish South & West FPO
- Vicechair Arthur Yon, FROM Nord
- Last meeting on 10 January 2024 July in preparation to workshop with EFCA
- Workshop with EFCA and MS Control Expert Group on 16 January in Copenhagen on evaluation of compliance with the LO
- Joint HWG with PelAC on 14 March – correlation table on new control regulation
- Multi-AC letter requesting a meeting with DG MARE on the new control regulation sent on 24 May
- Next steps:
 - Correlation table new control regulation – discussion at joint HWG with PelAC on 14 March 2024
 - Follow-up on workshop with EFCA
 - Follow-up on UK approach on REM
- Joint workshop with DG MARE and other ACs

Joint NSAC/NWWAC Focus Group Social Aspects

- Led by NSAC since 01 October 2022
- Chair Kenn Skau Fischer, Danmarks Fiskeriforening
- Trilingual (EN, FR, ES)
- 3 meetings held in Year 19 (Oct, Nov 2023, 11 Mar 2024)
- Joint NSAC/NWWAC advice on generational renewal, response received 12 April
- Joint NSAC/NWWAC advice on recreational submitted on 04 January, awaiting response
- Next meeting tbc



Fishers of the Future

- Phase 2 finalised by end of June
- Phase 3: develop set of profiles of fishers for 2050 reflecting future world scenarios developed during Phase 2 through discussion with the Commission.
- Feedback from ACs requested during September, material to be distributed by end of August
- Invitation to online meetings: 5 members per AC to attend one meeting together
 - Monday 16 September, 2-5 pm
 - Tuesday 17 September, 2-5 pm
 - Wednesday 18 September, 2-5 pm



Joint NWWAC/PelAC Focus Group Spatial Dimension

- Chair: Gonçalo Carvalho, PelAC OIG Vice-Chair
- 3 meetings held in Year 19: 31 January, 14 March, 29 May
- Response to public consultation on South Coast DMAP submitted to Department of Environment, Climate and Communications on 14 June, awaiting response
- Call for increased policy coherence between environment and fisheries dimensions submitted to the Commission on 20 June, awaiting response
- Proposal to organise webinar on impacts of offshore renewable energy developments including various ICES WGs, BIM study on coexistence – joint with PelAC and other interested ACs (November 2024)



MAC Focus Group PEFCR



- First consultation on Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules in 2021
- AAC and NWWAC joint meeting with DG ENV and DG MARE on 26 August 2021
- NWWAC decided not to develop advice as it was deemed too technical
- [MAC](#) and [AAC](#) submitted advice
- Training provided by the Commission in February 2022
- Second public consultation launched from 12 June to 10 July
- 1st meeting of MAC FG PEFCR 24 June: Terms of Reference; Drafting of advice
- Les Pêcheurs de Bretagne FG member, NWWAC Secretariat observer
- Previous advice focused on policy aspects; aim of upcoming advice is to focus on the technical aspects of the Technical Secretariat's report
- Proposal to support MAC advice "as is"



European Maritime Day, 30-31 May

- Workshop “EU Advisory Councils: Stakeholder engagement in policymaking for sustainable fisheries & aquaculture production and value chains”
- Moderated by Mark Dickey-Collas, panel discussion with Antonia Leroy, WWF EPO Head of Ocean Policy; former PelAC Chair Jesper Raakjær; and social researcher Marta Ballesteros, Instituto Español de Oceanografía; break out sessions facilitated by the BSAC, NSAC, LDAC, MEDAC, MAC, CC RUP, SWWAC, AAC Secretariats

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- Over 100 participants
- 4 break-out groups
- Final result: policy recommendation to European Commission and Members States based on results from interactive session

EMD 2025 to be held in Cork, Ireland





8. AOB

- EU Agri-Food Chain Observatory (AFCO)
 - Chaired by the Directorate General of Agriculture of the European Commission in association with other relevant Directorates, including the Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.
 - Up to 80 members, representing national authorities in charge of agriculture, fishery and aquaculture producers or the food supply chain, as well as organisations representing stakeholders active in various stages of the chain – from producers, input providers, food industry, traders, to transport, logistics, retail and consumers.
 - Invitation to join sent by MARE D3 April 2024
 - MEDAC and AAC have received observer status
 - Concern expressed re. lack of interest from ACs

Video launch



A dramatic sunset or sunrise over the ocean. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with bright golden light breaking through in several places, creating a high-contrast scene. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a long, shimmering path of light across the water. A small ship is visible on the horizon line, silhouetted against the bright light.

9 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

