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13 March 2024

Agenda

15:45 – 16:00	_____ 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	
16:00 – 17:20	_____ 2	Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inter-AC Brexit Forum• CFP• Climate & Environment• Skates & Rays• Control & Enforcement• Social Aspects• Brown Crab• Spatial Dimension	Inter-AC Brexit Forum Scallop Workshop European Maritime Day EMFAF study
17:20 – 17:25	_____ 3	AOB	
17:25 – 17:30	_____ 4	Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair	



Action points from the last meeting

1. Secretariat to draft advice on Irish Sea MPA/ORE/SPA plan, based on KFO / ISEFPO document provided and HWG members' response to input request.
2. HWG members to propose dates for Mission Atlantic stakeholder meetings in 2024 upon receipt of topics for discussion.
3. Propose discussion at ExCom whether or not NWWAC to reply directly to UK consultations on FMPs, REM & Discards plans.
4. Renew Focus Group Brown Crab with new terms of reference to follow up on issues raised in advice submitted in September 2023.
5. The NWWAC will send another letter to the Irish Seafood/ORE group asking for update regarding request for membership.





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Updates

Focus Groups

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



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
- 2 meetings in Year 19:
 - 09 October chaired by the PelAC
 - 05 February chaired by the NWWAC
- Commission attendance and updates (confidential)
- Topics at SCF:
 - Technical measures
 - NQS and King Scallops
 - Skates & rays
 - Other topics
 - Pollack – commercial, recreational
 - Spurdog
 - Benchmarks
 - Seabass
 - Red Seabream
 - Discards

Inter-AC Brexit Forum

- ACs horizontal topics listing
- Provisional EU – UK calendar
 - 19 – 21 March SCF Working Group 7
 - April tbc Technical meetings with MS; technical meetings with UK
 - 21 – 23 May SCF Plenary 8
 - June tbc Technical meetings with MS; technical meetings with UK
 - 09 – 11 July SCF Working Group 8
 - 24 – 26 September SCF Plenary 9
- Next meeting: tbc, chaired by the NSAC





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
- Advice on CFP report submitted 8 December 2023
- Next steps:
 - Follow-up on COM replies to advice and on actions stemming from Action Plan and CFP Communications
 - Joint special group on implementing the Marine Action Plan on 18 June



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.
- Response to UK consultation on discard reform submitted on 9 October 2023
- Letter following up on NWWAC response to the UK consultation on a discard reform submitted to COM on 21 November 2023
- Last meeting 29 January 2024 – choke advice in preparation
- Next tasks:
 - COM evaluation of LO
 - Follow-up on UK approach to discards
 - Follow-up on EFCA report on evaluation of compliance with the LO





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, awaiting response
- 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
- Draft letter in preparation



Control, Enforcement and Compliance

- Chair Patrick Murphy, Irish South & West FPO
- Response to UK consultation on REM submitted on 9 October 2023
- 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
- 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 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, awaiting response
- Joint NSAC/NWWAC advice on recreational submitted on 04 January, awaiting response
- Topics under current discussion
 - DG MARE's consultation on the development of social data
 - Fishers of the Future survey



Joint NWWAC/PelAC Focus Group Spatial Dimension

- Chair: Gonçalo Carvalho, PelAC OIG Vice-Chair
- First meeting 31 January
- COM update on Blue Forum
- COM update on EU wind power package
- ICES update on WGOWDF
- Update and further discussion during Joint NWWAC/PelAC Horizontal Working Group 14 March



Update Brown Crab

- Joint NWWAC/NSAC/MAC established in October 2022, dissolved in September 2023
- Led by the NWWAC
- Advice submitted 22 September 2023
- Response received 04 December 2023
- Currently in discussion with NWW MSG and Scheveningen Group regarding development of a Joint Recommendation
- Secretariat has been asked to present to the MS Technical Group on 26 March
- Secretariat has been invited to update the Shellfish Association of Great Britain on the ACs' work on 15 March





- Inter-AC with DG MARE 06 February 2024
 - Scallop Workshop
 - European Maritime Day
 - Study to support the mid-term evaluation of the EMFAF - Stakeholder consultation
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Inter-AC with DG MARE

- 06 February 2024 in Brussels and online
- Update from Director-General Vitcheva
- Discussion on Control Regulation
- Presentations available online, report will be published when available

Scallop Workshop

- Request made by DG MARE in January 2024 for workshop in first half of 2024 to assist with the development of the multi-annual strategy
- To be organized in the same format as the NWWAC/NSAC skates & rays workshop in 2023
- Including UK participation
- Following discussions, it was decided to postpone this to second half of 2024 or Spring 2025

European Maritime Day

- 30 May 2024, Svendborg, Denmark
- Joint AC workshop (AAC, BISAC, BSAC, CC RUP, LSAC, NSAC, NWWAC, MAC, MEDAC, SWWAC)
- Title: EU Advisory Councils: Stakeholder engagement in policymaking for healthy and productive fisheries and aquatic ecosystems.
- Target audience: Fisheries and aquaculture stakeholders, civil society, Member States and related administrations, EU institutions, other interested participants
- Moderator: Mark Dickey-Collas
- Aim: To highlight the importance of participatory governance/stakeholder engagement through Advisory Councils for effective fisheries and aquaculture management, socio-economic, and conservation aspects.
- Interactive with participation from audience
- Panel discussion with
 - Mark Dickey-Collas (moderator)
 - Antonia Leroy, WWF Europe
 - Jesper Rakjeer
 - Marta Ballesteros, IEO-CSIC



Study to support the mid-term evaluation of the EMFAF - Stakeholder consultation

- Request received 05 March
- Deadline 15 April
- The Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries (DG MARE) has commissioned Tetra Tech to conduct a study to support the mid-term evaluation of the EMFAF. Given the early stage of implementation of the fund, the study focuses on the design and procedural aspects of the EMFAF, as well as continuing relevance and any preliminary results.
- List of 11 questions on relevance
 - delivery system
 - simplification measures
 - financial instruments
 - Flexibility
 - Efficiency
 - Coherence, and more

03 AOB

04 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

