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# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

04 July 2025

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# Agenda

09:00 – 09:10

## 1 Welcome and introductions

- Welcome from the Chair (Alexandra Philippe)
- Apologies
- Adoption of the agenda
- Action points from the last meeting (12 March 2025, Paris)

09:10 – 09:30

## 2 Keynote address – Marta Villaverde Acuña, Conselleira do Mar, Xunta de Galicia

09:30 – 09:45

## 3 Keynote address – Susan Steele, Executive Director; EFCA

09:45 – 11:00

## 4 Dialogue with DG MARE – Fabrizio Donatella, Director DG MARE C5

11:00– 11:15

COFFEE

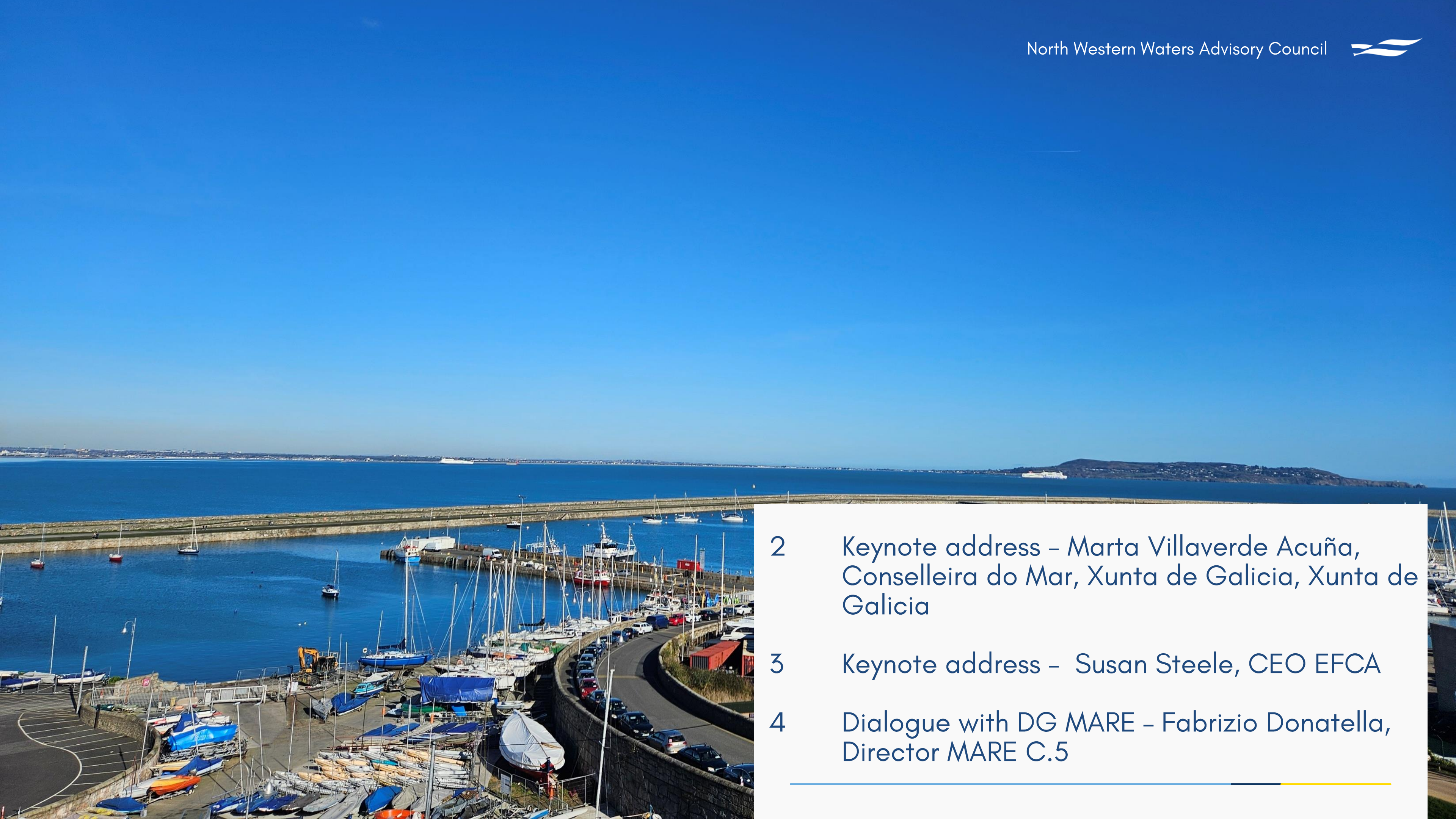
# Agenda

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| 11:15 – 11:30 | 5 Dialogue with NWW MSG– Elaine Croke, Irish presidency of the NWW Member States Group  |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | 6 Approval of action points from the Working Groups   |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | 7 NWWAC Work Programme and Budget Year 20 – state of play (Secretariat)   |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | 8 NWWAC Rules of Procedure (Chair) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposal by IFSUA to review the <a href="#">NWWAC meeting policy</a></li></ul> |
| 12:15 – 12:20 | 9 AOB   |
| 12:20 – 12:30 | 10 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair   |

# Action points from the last meeting

1. Secretariat to review minutes from previous ExCom meeting suggest relevant updates based on discussion with members.
2. Secretariat to set up task force for the review of the Chair procedure and meeting conduct policy.
3. Secretariat to include budget item on website update in Year 21 budget application to the amount of €12.500 with the rest of Year 19's additional income to be used as financial buffer.
4. Secretariat to send email request to members for input to the Year 21 Work Programme.





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# COFFEE BREAK

**11:00 – 11:15 CET**









# Action points Working Group 1 – Irish Sea

- 1 Members to send written queries for Joanne Morgan following her presentation to the Secretariat
- 2 Members to send feedback on the fishing opportunities advice as well as the climate change impacts to the Secretariat.
- 3 Working Group to follow up on BLM trials at October meeting.



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

- 1 Members to send written queries for Joanne Morgan following her presentation to the Secretariat.
- 2 Members to send feedback on the fishing opportunities advice to the Secretariat.
- 3 WG2 to follow up in more detail on the validity of the 2004 regulation relating to hake fishery in the Celtic Sea at the October meeting.
- 4 From March meeting: WG2 to further engage with AZTI following the presentation and dissemination of the Northern Hake Stock dynamic
- 5 From March meeting: Declining SSBs while MSY-fished : members agreed to further dig in regarding the causes of the bad recruitments that several stocks are facing, leading to decreasing SSBs for several important stocks. Though not very specific at this moment, the idea would be to further look at inter-specific predation (boarfish, bluefin tuna..),



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

intra-specific mechanisms (cannibalism), and should include analysis regarding the data collection for food stomachs analysis, that we could encourage to be funded if necessary. Asking the EC to organize a specific request to ICES could be developed.

- 6 Members to send additional queries for Prof. Döring to the Secretariat for written follow up.
- 7 Members to send additional queries for Caroline Alibert-Deprez to the Secretariat for written follow up.
- 8 Members to send queries for Jonathan White to the Secretariat for written follow up.



# Action points Working Group 3 – Channel

1. Members to send written queries for Joanne Morgan following her presentation to the Secretariat.
2. Members to send feedback on the fishing opportunities advice to the Secretariat.
3. Secretariat to initiate restart of the FG sea bass to develop advice on the ICES advice for 2026.
4. Secretariat to initiate the reestablishment of the FG Whelk.
5. WG to follow up on MSG work on lemon sole and red mullet.



# Action points Horizontal Working Group

1. Members to send feedback on the fishing opportunities advice to the Secretariat.
2. Members to send written queries for Joanne Morgan following her presentation to the Secretariat.
3. Members to send written queries for Julia Rubeck and Herman Bos following the presentation on the CFP evaluation to the Secretariat.
4. FG Climate & Environment to review and potentially address the aspirational and binding targets included in the Ocean Pact.
5. Members to send written queries for Cristina Morgado and Killian Chute (EFCA) following their update on JDPs and REM to the Secretariat.



# Action points Horizontal Working Group

6. Proposal for CNPMEM to develop a letter to the Commission requesting a political intervention regarding the UK MPA consultation and to contact the UK for an extension of the deadline, request from the Commission the carrying out of a study of the socio-economic consequences as well as potential impact of displacement of vessels, to be submitted if possible jointly with the North Sea AC.
7. CNPMEM to develop advice to the UK in response to the MPA consultation.
8. Management team to reflect on how advice is presented to the Commission and how to achieve the best responses.
9. NWWAC Secretariat to circulate the form for the NWWAC members' spotlight as well as set up WhatsApp Community as a trial and engage with FG Control.



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# Work Programme Year 20

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# Planned recommendations YR20



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	January 2025
2	Advice on topics related to the Landing Obligation	Article 2, 14, 15	Horizontal WG (Focus Group Landing Obligation)	March 2025
3	Advice on the implementation of the EU Technical Measures Regulation, including directed fisheries definition	Article 2, 10	Horizontal Working Group	November 2024 December 2024 January 2025
4	Advice on Technical Measures as a topic in the execution of the TCA if relevant proposals are put forward by the Commission	Article 2	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	July 2025
5	Advice on Fishing Opportunities 2026 & COM Policy Paper	Article 2, 14, 15, 16	WG1, WG2, WG3, HWG	June 2025
6	Advice on the management of skates & rays	Article 2, 10, 14, 15, 16	HWG (Focus Group Skates & Rays)	January 2025
7	Advice relating to SCF issues: technical measures, non-quota species etc.	Article 2, 14, 15	Horizontal WG	December 2024
8	Advice related to climate & environment topics, e.g., EU Biodiversity Strategy, EU Green Deal, Farm to Fork Strategy, Nature Restoration Law	Article 2	HWG (Focus Group Climate & Environment)	November 2024 December 2024 February 2025 June 2025
9	Advice on social aspects related to fisheries in the NWW	Article 2	HWG (Focus Group Social Aspects)	In progress
10	Advice on aspects raised in the CFP Communication or as part of the CFP evaluation	Article 2	HWG (Focus Group CFP and other relevant FGs once identified)	April 2025
11	Advice on aspects raised in the Action Plan	Article 2	HWG (Focus Group CFP and other relevant FGs once identified)	May 2025
12	Advice on aspects raised in the Energy Transition Communication	Article 2	HWG (Relevant FG once identified)	June 2025





# Additional recommendations Year 20

- Joint NSAC-LDAC-PelAC-NWWAC-SWWAC-BSAC Advice on stakeholder engagement in ICES advice request formulation – October 2024
- NWWAC advice on stocks to prioritise for benchmark workshops by ICES – December 2024
- Joint-ACs advice on stakeholder engagement in Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF) processes – February 2025
- NWWAC advice on the European Ocean Pact – March 2025
- Multi-AC letter on the future of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
- Joint NWWAC, PelAC and NSAC Advice on the implementation of the EU Fisheries Control Regulation
- NWWAC advice on the Vision for Agriculture and Food 2040 and the proposed Vision for Fisheries and Aquaculture 2040





# Planned meetings Year 20

	Date (for the first 6 months, please provide precise dates)	Topics /subjects of meeting	Type of meeting (physical/ planned/ hybrid)	European Commission participation requested (yes/no)	Date held	Priority for a Commission participation (from 1 to 4) (1= highest priority)
1	04 October 2024	CHARM	Virtual	No	03 October 2024	
2	09 October 2024	Working Group 1	virtual	yes	09 October 2024	1
3	09 October 2024	Working Group 2	virtual	yes	09 October 2024	1
4	09 October 2024	Working Group 3	virtual	yes	09 October 2024	1
5	10 October 2024	Horizontal Working Group	virtual	yes	10 October 2024	1
6	13 October 2024	Focus Group CFP	physical	no	26 March 2025	
7	tbc October 2024	<del>Workshop on Scallop Management in the Channel</del>	physical	yes		1
8	22 October 2024	Executive Committee	virtual	yes	22 October 2024	1
9	27 October 2023	Focus Group Climate	virtual	no	05 June 2025	
10	01 November 2024	Focus Group Landing Obligation	virtual	no	22 November 2024	

# Planned meetings Year 20 ctnd.

11	04 November 2024	CHARM	Virtual	no	04 November 2024	
12	07 November 2024	Focus Group Scallop	virtual	yes	25 November 2024	
13	15 November 2024	Focus Group Control & Compliance	Virtual	no	31 October 2024	
14	25 November 2024	Focus Group Skates & Rays	physical	yes	18 October 2024	1
15	28 November 2024	Focus Group CFP	virtual	no		
16	16 December 2024	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no	17 December 2024	
17	06 January 2025	CHARM	Virtual	no	08 January 2025	
18	10 January 2025	Focus Group MSP/ORE	virtual	no	07 November 2024	
19	31 January 2025	Focus Group Control & Compliance	virtual	no	05 February 2025	
20	03 February 2025	CHARM	Virtual	no	04 February 2025	
21	04 February 2025	Inter-AC Brexit Forum	In-person	Yes	04 February 2025	1
22	07 February 2025	Focus Group CFP	virtual	no		
23	23 February 2025	Focus Group Social Aspects	virtual	no	28 March 2025	
24	03 March 2025	CHARM	Virtual	no	05 March 2025	
25	10 March 2025	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	hybrid	yes	10 March 2025	1
26	10 March 2025	Working Group 3 English Channel	hybrid	yes	10 March 2025	1
27	11 March 2025	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	hybrid	yes	10 March 2025	1
28	11 March 2025	Horizontal Working Group	hybrid	yes	11 March 2025	1
29	12 March 2025	Executive Committee	hybrid	yes	12 March 2025	1
30	07 April 2025	CHARM	virtual	no	08 April 2025	
31	05 May 2025	CHARM	virtual	no	02 May 2025	
32	02 June 2025	CHARM	Virtual	no	03 June 2025	
33	02 July 2025	CHARM	Virtual	no	02 July 2025	
34	02 July 2025	Working Group 1 Irish Sea	hybrid	yes	02 July 2025	1
35	02 July 2025	Working Group 3 English Channel	hybrid	yes	02 July 2025	1





# Planned meetings Year 20 ctnd.

36	03 July 2025	Horizontal Working Group	hybrid	yes	03 July 2025	1
37	03 July 2025	General Assembly	Hybrid	no		
38	03 July 2025	Working Group 2 Celtic Sea & West of Scotland	hybrid	yes	03 July 2025	1
39	04 July 2025	Executive Committee	hybrid	yes	04 July 2025	1
40	25 July 2025	Focus Group Landing Obligation	Virtual	no	16 July 2025	
41	29 July 2025	CHARM	Virtual	no		
42	01 September 2025	CHARM	Virtual	no		
43	12 September 2025	Focus Group Landing Obligation	Virtual	No		
44	23 September 2025	Focus Group CFP	virtual	no		
45	25 September 2025	General Assembly	virtual	no	Approval of Year 20 annual report and budget	





# Upcoming meetings

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- 07 Jul COM meeting on ICES advice
- 07 Jul Inter-AC Brexit Forum
- 08 Jul Commission meeting on the LO study
- 14 Jul ETP – AC meeting
- 15 Jul UK MMO MPA management
- 16 Jul Focus Group Landing Obligation
- 25 Sep NWWAC General Assembly
- 14–15 Oct NWWAC Working Groups , online
- 16 Oct NWWAC ExCom, online





# UPDATE ON YEAR 20 ACCOUNTS

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# Year 20 – Income – Current Position

	Original Budget 01 October 2024	Actual Income at 12 March 2025	Outstanding
Member States	€ 25,000	€ 25,000	€ 0,000
Commission	€ 343,332	€ 274,666.60	€ 68,664.40
Member's Fees	€ 28,700	€ 28,700	€ 0
Total	€ 397,032	€ 328,367.60	€ 68,665.40



# Year 20 – Expenditure – Current Position

	Eligible Predicted Budget 01 October 2024	Actual Expenditure up to 27 June 2025	Estimated actual expenditure 30 September 2025
Staff	€ 201,893.04	€ 138,493	€ 190,000
Reimbursements	€ 75,249.60	€ 31,137	€ 68,914
Interpretation & Translation	€ 66,597.80	€ 31,647	€ 70,000
Meetings and Information	€ 9,946.24	€ 11,618	€ 12,000
Operating costs	€ 16,345.32	€ 23,519	€ 19,118
Chairman Fees / Audit	€ 20,000.00	€ 11,190	€ 22,000
Other contracts	€ 7,000.00	€ 2,400	€ 15,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 397,032</b>	<b>€250,004</b>	<b>€ 397,032</b>



## 8 NWWAC Rules of Procedure

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# 9 AOB: Proposal by IFSUA to review the NWWAC meeting policy

## Current procedure:

In-person attendance is required for all NWWAC members for full participation.

Restricted remote access will be made available to non-travelling NWWAC members who can follow the discussions as observers only and are not able to participate actively in the meeting.

Interactive remote access will be made available only for speakers and non-members such as Commission and Member States representatives.

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)

Proposal: Allow full participation members who are connecting remotely

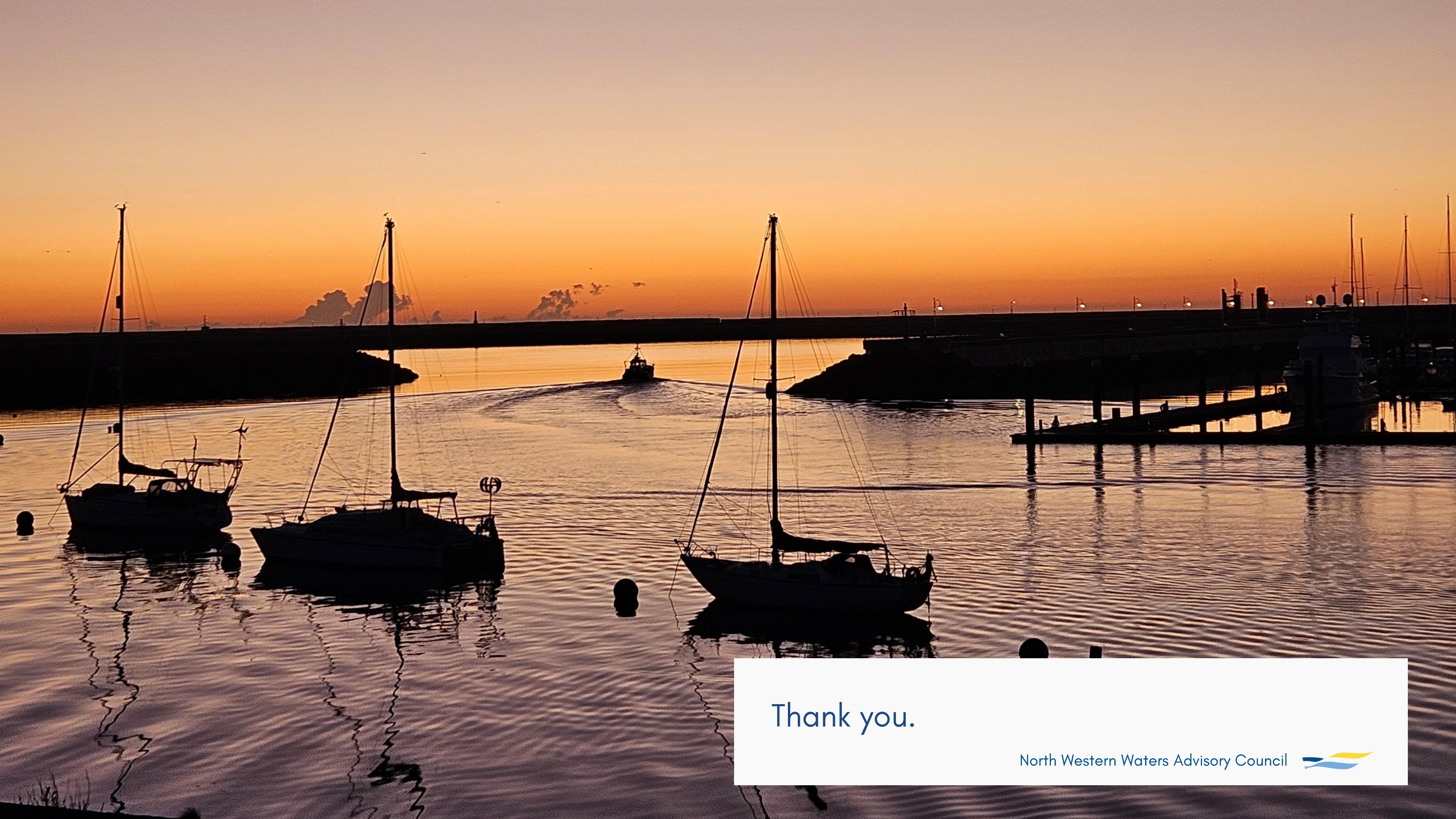


10 Summary of actions agreed and decisions adopted by the Chair

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Thank you.

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