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# Focus Group Spatial Dimension

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05 September 2024

# Agenda

IE/PT	CET	
13:00 – 13:10	14:00 – 14:10	<b>Welcome from the Chair (G. Carvalho)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Apologies</li> <li>• Adoption of the agenda</li> <li>• Action points from the last meeting</li> </ul>
13:10 – 13:30	14:10 – 14:30	<b>Review &amp; update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Joint letter on silo approach</li> <li>• NWWAC advice on South Coast DMAP</li> <li>• Ecological Sensitivity Analysis Celtic Sea - Ed Farrell, KFO</li> </ul>
13:30 – 14:15	14:30 – 15:15	<b>Webinar on ORE impacts on fisheries</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasoning</li> <li>• Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Agenda and speakers</li> </ul>
14:15 – 14:20	15:15 – 15:20	Next steps
14:20 – 14:25	15:20 – 15:25	AOB
14:25 – 14:30	15:25 – 15:30	Timeline and summary of actions agreed

# Action points from the last meeting

1. Secretariat to contact the Marine Institute and request a copy of the report prepared for the SC-DMAP.
2. Secretariat to draft submission to DECC consultation.
3. Secretariat to initiate approval procedures in both ACs on letter re. policy coherence.
4. Potentially contact Marine Institute for presentation at future meeting





# Review & update

- Joint letter on silo approach – submitted 20 June ([link](#))
- NWWAC advice on South Coast DMAP – submitted 14 June ([link](#))
  - Additional public consultation in respect of the document entitled "Workbook 1-Draft Environmental Data Log" ended 30 August ([link](#))
- Ecological Sensitivity Analysis Celtic Sea – published 27 June 2024 ([link](#)) – Ed Farrell, KFO
  - Presentation by team lead invited for NWWAC Horizontal WG on 10 October (virtual)





# Webinar on ORE impacts on fisheries

- Reasoning
- Terms of Reference
- Agenda and speakers

## Next steps


- FG organisation



# AOB: Action points from January meeting

Action #	What	Who
1	Circulate the Blue Forum position paper to FG members once published	Secretariat
2	Discuss the Blue Forum paper during the planned joint PelAC/NWWAC Horizontal Focus Group in March in Dublin	PelAC/NWWAC Members
3	Co-Chairs of the ICES working group WGOWDF to provide regular updates on their work at future Spatial Dimension FG meetings.	Andrew Gill, Secretariat
4	Develop a recommendation from both ACs to the Commission asking for an update on the Member State pledges on MPAs under the marine Action Plan and their timelines – and present this as a recommendation to the joint Horizontal WG in March	NWWAC & PelAC Secretariats, FG Chair
5	FG Secretariats to keep track of Member State processes on MPAs and their progress, fed by input from members.	NWWAC, PelAC Secretariats, FG members
6	Develop a recommendation from the two ACs underlining the need to have an activity mapping in every sea-basin towards the Commission and Member States – and present this as a recommendation to the joint Horizontal WG in March	NWWAC & PelAC Secretariats, FG Chair
7	Present recommendations on FG priorities to the joint Horizontal WG in March in the following order of importance: 1) Broader activity mapping from an MSP angle 2) MPA designation processes with the sensitive areas aspect tied to this. 3) ORE developments should be monitored as a continuous priority 4) Sea-bed mining monitored in the background while awaiting further developments.	NWWAC & PelAC Secretariats, FG Chair
8	Invite speakers to the next Working Group in March to address how the different MPA processes on a national level fit in the broader MSP agenda	NWWAC & PelAC Secretariats
9	Present FG recommendations to the Horizontal WG in March and refine FG TOR could following this discussion.	NWWAC & PelAC Secretariats, members



A dramatic sunset over the ocean. The sky is filled with dark, heavy clouds, with bright golden light breaking through in several places, creating a shimmering effect. In the lower right, the silhouette of a fishing boat is visible on the dark water. The overall mood is serene yet powerful.

## Timeline and summary of actions agreed

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