

Chairman's Annual Report to the General Assembly



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NWWAC GA/ AGM
Dublin Castle
17 September 2014

Main areas of Work in Year 9 (I):

■ CFP Reform

- Regionalisation
- Implementation of landing obligation for demersal fisheries
- Role, composition, functioning and funding of the ACs

■ Data deficiencies

- Collaboration with ICES:
 - Data Compilation and Benchmark workshops
 - ICES Advisory Drafting Groups on Celtic Sea and WoS
 - MIRAC, WGMARS, WKLIFE

■ EU Fishing Opportunities

- EC Communication on FO for 2014 and 2015
- Nephrops FU16

Main areas of Work in Year 9 (II)

- **Multi-annual mixed fisheries Management Plans**
 - Framework and development of MAMPs by areas: VIa, VIIa, VIIfg
 - Review of Cod management plan (EC Reg. 1342/2008)
 - Ecosystem Based Approach Considerations
- **Technical measures**
 - “Omnibus” Regulation
 - Consultation on a new Framework for TCMs
- **Non TAC Stocks**
 - Channel Scallops
 - Sea bass
- **Skates, Rays and sharks**

Other relevant work in Year 9

- **Participation / involvement in several EU projects (ongoing)**
 - GEPETO (Atlantic Area Programme: 2013-2014)
 - MAREFRAME (FP7: 2014-2017)
 - DAMARA (MARE/2012/22 - LOT1: 2014-2016)
 - GAP2 (FP7: 2011-2014)
 - ACRUNET (FP7: 2013-2014)
 - HORIZON2020 call on landing obligation (2015-2018)

- **Change of company name (completed)**

- **Development and launch of new website (completed)**

- **Recruitment for a NWWAC discards officer (ongoing)**

- **Production of video snippets (ongoing)**

Year 9

21 Meetings of the NWWAC

Year 9 – NWWAC Meetings (I)

□ **2 General Assembly**

- EGA/EGM Dublin Castle, 25 March 2014
- GA/AGM Dublin Castle, 17 September 2014

□ **4 Executive Committee**

- Paris, 7 November 2013
- Dublin, 26 March 2014
- Edinburgh, 3 July 2014
- Dublin, 1 8 September 2014

□ **2 sets of 4 Working Groups**

- Paris, 7-8 November 2013
- Edinburgh, 2-3 July 2014

Year 9 – NWWAC Meetings (II)

- **8 Horizontal Working Groups / Focus Groups / Steering Groups**
 - **1 Focus Group on Nephrops Management for FU16 (Porcupine)**
CNP MEM Paris, 8 November 2013
 - **2 Horizontal Working Groups on Discards and Technical Measures**
Dublin, 17 September 2014
Dublin, 25 March 2014
 - **1 Horizontal Working Groups on CFP Reform: Regionalisation**
Dublin, 25 March 2014

Year 9 – NWWAC Meetings (III)

- **2 West of Scotland demersal fisheries Focus / Steering Groups**
Dublin Castle, 26 March 2014
BIM Dublin, 22 May 2014
- **1 Celtic Sea Mixed Demersal Fisheries**
Dublin Castle, 26 March 2014
- **1 Irish Sea Mixed Fisheries**
Dublin Castle, 26 March 2014

Year 9 – NWWAC Meetings (IV)

- **5 other meetings (co)hosted by the NWWAC**
 - **GAP2 Project / NWWAC Workshop on Channel Scallops**
Brixham (UK), 15-16 April 2014
 - **MAREFRAME Project WP1 - West of Scotland Case Study**
BIM Dublin, 22 May 2014
 - **DAMARA Project – Celtic Sea Stakeholders Group**
BIM Dublin, 11 June 2014
 - **Presentation of ICES Advice for NWW**
Edinburgh, 2 July 2014
 - **Joint NWWAC-NSAC-SWWAC Seabass Workshop**
Dublin Castle, 18 September 2014

Year 9

External Meetings with NWWAC
participation

External Meetings Y9 (I) – Some examples

- ICES Working Group on Marine Systems – Governance (WGMARS)
Stockholm, 4-5 November 2013
- IX Annual Meeting between ICES and the RACs (MIRAC 2014)
Copenhagen, 15-16 January 2014
- EFCA Seminar on Implementation of CFP – Landing Obligation
Dubrovnik, 16 January 2014
- MAREFRAME FP7 Project Kick-off Meeting
Reykjavik, 11-13 February 2014
- EC Stakeholder Meeting on Data Collection – 16 January 2014
- ICES WKROUND, WKCELT, WKNEP, WKHAD, WKLIFE

External Meetings Y9 (II) – Some examples

- EC Coordination Meetings between DG MARE-MS-ACs
Brussels, 25 October 2013 and 19 March 2014
- EFCA Advisory Board Meetings
Vigo, 28 February, June and 17 September 2014
- GEPETO Project Coordination Meetings / WPs / Workshops
Dublin, 27-28 March 2014
Vigo, 7-9 July 2014
- EC Seminar on the State of European Fish Stocks in 2014
Brussels, 25 September 2014

External Meetings Y9 (III) - Some examples

Regionalisation – Landing Obligation

■ **North Western Waters Member States Group**

The NWWAC Chairman and/or NWWAC delegates attended the successive meetings of the High Level Group (“Fisheries Directors”) and exchanged views in relation to the implementation of the landing obligation for mixed demersal species at the 4 meetings held to date:

- Dublin, November 2013
- Paris, 19 February 2014
- Madrid, 20 May 2014
- Brussels, 10 September 2014

■ **STECF**

A delegation of 2-3 NWWAC representatives have regularly attended meetings of STECF EWG on the Implementation of the Landing Obligation.

Year 9 - Letters, Opinions and Advice

10 submissions (+5 pending)

All NWWAC advice and correspondence with EC/MS is publicly available in the publications section of the NWWAC website: www.nwwac.org

Letters, Opinions and Advice

List of documents (I)

1. NWWRAC Advice on EC Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2014 (07/10/2013)
2. NWWRAC Letter of Request for Financial Support for participation of organisations in the Advisory Councils under the EMFF (23/10/2013)
3. InterRAC Letter to EP-Council re Funding for the Advisory Councils under the CFP Regulation (06/11/2013)
4. NWWRAC Letter to EP-Council on EMFF provisions regarding the funding for the Advisory Councils in the new EMFF 2014-2020 (15/11/2013)
5. NWWRAC Position on CFP Reform: Ideas for Regional Fisheries Management and Governance in North Western Waters (ICES VI-VII) (06/12/2013)

Letters, Opinions and Advice

List of documents (II)

6. NWWRAC Advice on Porcupine Nephrops Management for 2014 (06/12/2013)
7. NWWRAC Advice on EC Proposal on Fishing Opportunities (“TAC and quotas”) for 2014 (13/12/2013)
8. NWWAC Information Note on Channel VIIde Sprat fisheries in reply to a request from the NWW Member States Group – pelagic discard plans (30/04/2014)
9. NWWAC Letter in reply to the EU Consultation for a New Framework for Technical Conservation Measures (06/06/2014)
10. InterAC Letter on Administrative and Financial Issues for the Functioning of the Advisory Councils within the new CFP (25/06/2014)

Letters, Opinions and Advice

List of documents (III)

Advice in preparation and planned to be submitted before the end of the Y9 (i.e. 30 September 2014)

11. Response on EC Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2015
12. Position on EU Drifnets fisheries
13. Position management measures for Undulate Ray Fishery
14. Letter of request of inclusion of Technical Measures in Discard Plans
15. Recommendation on collaborative work between the Advisory Councils and the Member States within the CFP Regional framework

Year 10 (1 October 2014 – 30 September 2015)

Work Programme

Proposed work programme (I)

FOR ADOPTION - PRIORITY WORK AREAS IN YEAR 10

The NWWAC Work Programme for Year 10 (October 2014 - September 2015) must be submitted to the Commission by 30 September 2014

☐ CFP Reform:

- Implementation of landing obligation for demersal species (art 15)
- Regional management: advisory role with MS (art 18)
- Administrative and financial questions linked to the functioning and funding of the ACs (CFP Reg., delegated act, EMFF, EU projects)
- Control and compliance aspects: work with EFCA

☐ Mixed Fisheries Multiannual Management Plans ICES VI-VII

- West of Scotland and Western Approaches
- Celtic Sea
- Irish Sea

Proposed work programme (II)

PRIORITY WORK AREAS FOR YEAR 10 (2014-2015)

- ❑ Data limited stocks: quality of Scientific and Economic Data: work with ICES / national institutes
- ❑ New Technical Conservation Measures
- ❑ EBA to fisheries management: MSFD and CFP
- ❑ Marine Spatial Planning (MPA)
- ❑ Fishing Opportunities for single species (TAC / non TAC):
 - Cod, Haddock, Whiting, Northern Hake, Sole, Nephrops, Skates and Rays, Sharks (spurdog and porbeagle), Scallops, Seabass...

Year 10 - Proposed Calendar of Meetings

NWWAC Meetings in Year 10

- ❑ Working Groups, Executive Committee and Focus Group on Nephrops
13-14 November 2014, CNPMMEM Paris
- ❑ Working Groups, Executive Committee and Focus Group/s
21-23 April 2015, BEC Bilbao (Spain)
- ❑ ICES Advice, Working Groups, Executive Committee and Focus Group/s
7-9 July 2015, Edinburgh
- ❑ General Assembly, Executive Committee and Workshops
16-17 September 2015, George's Hall Dublin Castle

Year 10 - Focus Groups

NWWAC Meetings in Year 10

Estimated funding for 5-6 Focus Groups (of half day duration each)

Number of Focus Groups might increase if linked to other RAC meetings (depending on budget availability)

Procedure to apply:

☐ Call of interest – 3 step process

1. Suggestions of Topics by relevant GA members.
2. Application forms addressed to Geographical Working Group Chairs.
3. Final Selection by the Executive Committee.

☐ Interpretation services provided only if requested

- Depending on funding availability.
- Secretariat might seek sponsorship from Member States or other sources.

Year 10 - Proposed Calendar of Meetings

Other meetings with NWWAC participation (tbc)

- Coordination meeting between DG MARE and the Advisory Councils on CFP reform / Inter AC administrative and financial meetings

Brussels, 30 October 2014

- DAMARA Project Celtic Sea Stakeholders Group meeting

Dublin / Galway, October / December 2014

- MAREFRAME WP1 / Annual Project Partners' meeting

December 2014 and January 2015

- ICES WGMARS – Meeting between scientists and stakeholders

Venue tbc, November 2014

- X Annual Meeting between ICES and RACs (MIRAC)

Copenhagen, January 2015

Thank you – Any questions?



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