Chairman's Annual Report

Item 2 General Assembly
Dublin, 14 September 2017

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Main areas of Work in Year 12 (I):

- **Landing Obligation**
  - Implementation and Advice for 2018 and beyond;
  - Control and enforcement;
  - Collaboration with NWW Member States Group;
  - Choke species toolbox.

- **CFP**
  - Role, composition, functioning and funding of the ACs.

- **EC consultation responses**
  - EU Communication on Fishing Opportunities for 2018;
  - Multi-annual Management Plan for Western Waters;
  - Technical measures.

Main areas of Work in Year 12 (II)

- **Data deficiencies**
  - Collaboration with ICES:

    ICES Advice Drafting Groups, ICES benchmark meetings, MIACO.
  - Collaboration with Member States:

    Sole survey in the Irish Sea.

- **Management of stocks**
  - Sole in the Eastern Channel;
  - *Nephrops*;
  - Skates, Rays and sharks.

Other relevant work in Year 11

- **Participation in EU projects** (ongoing)
  - MAREFRAME (FP7: 2014-2017);
  - 2 applications awaiting decision on funding

- **Recruitment**
  - Deputy Executive Secretary
  - Financial Administrator and Event Manager

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Year 12

31 Meetings of the NWWAC

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Year 12 – NWWAC Meetings (I)

- **1 General Assembly**
  - GA/AGM September 2017
- **3 Executive Committee**
  - Paris February-March 2017
  - Edinburgh July 2017
  - Dublin September 2017
- **11 Working Groups**
  - Paris February-March 2017 – all WGs
  - Edinburgh July 2017 – all WGs
  - Dublin September 2017 – WG1,3,4

Year 12 – NWWAC Meetings (II)

- **9 Horizontal Working Groups / Focus Groups / ADGs**
  - **Landing Obligation**

    2 Advice Drafting Groups (Dublin - January, April, June 2017)

    2 Horizontal Groups (Paris, March - Edinburgh, July 2017)
  - **Skates and Rays**

    1 Focus Groups (Dublin – November 2016)
  - **Brown Crab**

    2 Focus Group (Paris, February - Dublin, September 2017)
  - **Control and Compliance**

    2 Focus Group (Dublin - October 2016, January 2017)

- **1 Special session on the Functioning of the AC**

  Dublin, September 2017

Year 12 – NWWAC Meetings (III)

- **6 other meetings co-hosted by the NWWAC**
  - **Presentation of ICES Advice for NWW**

    Edinburgh, July 2017.

  - **Presentation of the EC proposal on Technical measures**

    Edinburgh, July 2017

  - **2 Choke expert meeting in collaboration with the NWW MS**

    Dublin – June, September 2017

  - **2 Presentations on the development of Marine Protected Areas**

    Paris, February 2017, Edinburgh, July 2017

Year 12

External Meetings with NWWAC participation

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External Meetings Y12 (I) – Some examples

Regionalisation – Landing Obligation

- **North Western Waters Member States Group**

8 Meetings of the High Level Group and Technical Group

- **Workshops – conferences – symposia on "chokes"**

2 Symposia on choke avoidance measures (Copenhagen, November 2016 – Rome, March 2017)

1 Seafish – Discard Action Group (London, July 2017)

1 EC workshop on skates and Rays (Brussels, May 2017)

- **EFCA**

2 meeting of the EFCA Administrative Board (NWWAC as alternate)

1 meeting of the EFCA Advisory Board (20 September)

External Meetings Y12 (II) – Some examples

General meetings

- EC Co-ordination meetings between DG MARE and ACs Brussels, December 2016;
- EC Seminar on the State of European Fish Stocks in 2018 Brussels, September 2017;
- 2 MareFrame project meetings on the West of Scotland case study, by Webex and in Copenhagen;
- EP meeting on technical conservation measures, Brexit and the Functioning of the ACs in Brussels, January, June and July 2017.

Year 12

Letters, Opinions and Advice
18 submissions

All NWWAC advice and correspondence is available in the publications section of the NWWAC website:
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List of documents (I)

Landing Obligation:

- EC Annual Report on the implementation of the Landing Obligation (LO) (30/01/2017)
- Advice on the Implementation of the LO for 2018 (27/01/2017 and 5/05/2017)
- Recommendations on the report of the NWW MS Control Expert Group (02/12/2016)
- Specific issues relating to the implementation of the Control Regulation (7/04/2017)
- Report on the Celtic Sea Choke analysis (Sept. 2017)

Requests for scientific evaluation:

- Haddock in the Celtic Sea (Sept. 2017)

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List of documents (II)

Responses to EC and EP Consultations:

- Feedback on the delegated act on the functioning of the ACs (07/06/2017)
- Letter to EP on Technical Conservation Framework Regulation (20/03/2017)
- Data collection and assessment for brown crab (27/06/2017)
- Response to EC on eel management (In progress Sept. 2017)

Advice for management strategies:

- Sole in the Eastern channel (29/11/2016 and Sept. 2017 in preparation)
- *Nephrops* Management for 2017 - Porcupine Bank (30/11/2016)
- Skates and Rays (24/03/2017)

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List of documents (II)

Advice for marine protected areas:

- UK informal consultation for 12 MPAs (30/03/2017)
- Response to 8 UK MPA proposals (20/04/2017)

Advice on Fishing Opportunities:

- EC Consultation on Fishing Opportunities for 2018 (15/09/2017)

Year 13 (1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018)

Work Programme **FOR ADOPTION**

The NWWAC Work Programme for Year 13 (October 2017 - September 2018) must be submitted to the Commission by 30 September 2017

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Proposed work programme (I)

PRIORITY WORK AREAS IN YEAR 13

- Landing obligation (LO)
  - Implementation and Advice for 2019;
  - Control and enforcement;
  - Choke Mitigation Tool.
- EC proposals (Technical measures, NWW Multi-Annual Plan)
- TACs and quotas
- Management measures by species:

  Northern Hake, Anglerfish and Megrim, Nephrops, Sole (VIId), Skates and Rays complex, Seabass, scallops, brown crab, etc.
- Preparation for the revision of the CFP in 2022

Proposed work programme (II)

GENERIC WORK AREAS FOR YEAR 12

- Improving the quality of scientific and economic data
  - Irish Sea benchmark – ICES ADG
- Control and compliance
  - Technical Measures revision – EFCA – cooperation Control Expert Group
- Regionalisation
- Working procedures
  - Improving the efficiency of the AC, Communications and Outreach

Proposed Calendar of Meetings

NWWAC Meetings in Year 12

- Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee

  February/March 2018, Madrid?;

- ICES Advice, Working / Focus Groups and Executive Committee

  July 2018, *TBD*;

- General Assembly, Executive Committee and Working / Focus groups

  12 to 14 September 2018, Dublin.

Proposed Calendar of Meetings

NWWAC short meetings in Year 13

Estimated funding for **4 Focus / Advice Drafting Groups**
(half to one day duration, webinar or face-to-face)

Number of meetings might change depending on urgency and budget availability

Other meetings with NWWAC participation (tbc)

- Coordination meetings between DG MARE and ACs
  Brussels TBD;
- Annual Meeting between ICES and ACs (MIACO)
  Copenhagen, 18 and 19 January 2018;
- ICES Irish Sea benchmark meeting
  Copenhagen, Q1 2018.

Year 13 (1 October 2017 – 30 September 2018)

ADOPTION of the Work Programme

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Thank you – Any questions?

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