

Work Programme Update Year 16

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Main areas of Work in Year 16

■ **Landing Obligation**

- Focus Group established in Year 15
- Engagement with the NWW Member States Technical Group

■ **Brexit**

- Focus Group established in Year 15
- Engagement with the Commission
- Work finalized and closed July 2021

■ **Task Force**

- Established March 2021, updated NWWAC statutes and Rules of Procedure, approved by eGA 01 July 2021

■ **Climate & Environment**

- Focus Group established in Year 15
- Workshop on the Impact of Climate Change on Fisheries in the NWW held on 26 November 2020

Main areas of Work in Year 16 (Contd)

- **Management of stocks**

- Skates & Rays
- Crab
- Seabass, Scallop, Whelk

- **Collaboration with External Groups**

- NWW Member States High Level Group
- NWW Member States Technical Group
- ICES (MIACO and MIAC)
- EFCA

NWWAC Meetings

Year 16 – September 2021

75 Meetings of the NWWAC

Members are informed of all meetings via the monthly update available online in the Members Area on www.nwwac.org.

Details of meetings can also be found in both the Members Area and under the Meetings tab.

Year 16 – NWWAC Meetings – September 2021

■ 4 Executive Committee

- Virtual March 2021
- Virtual June 2021
- Virtual July 2021
- Virtual September 2021

■ 12 Sub-regional Working Groups

- Virtual March 2021
- Virtual WG3 cntd. March 2021
- Virtual July 2021
- Virtual September 2021

■ 3 Horizontal Working Groups

- Virtual March 2021
- Virtual July 2021
- Virtual September 2021

Year 16 – NWWAC Meetings – September 2021

- **14 Meetings between the ExCom Chair, Vice-Chairs and the Secretariat**
 - Virtual (2x Oct, Nov, Dec 2020, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, 2x Jun, Jul, Aug, Sept 2021)
- **40 Focus Groups / Advice Drafting Groups**
 - 2 **Seabass** virtual (Nov 2020)
 - 6 **Landing Obligation** virtual (Nov, Dec 2020, Jan, 2x Jul, Sept 2021)
 - 6 **Skates and Rays** virtual (Nov 2020, Jan, Feb, 2x Mar, Apr, Sept 2021)
 - 5 **Brown Crab** virtual (Nov 2020, Jan, Mar, Jun, Jul 2021)
 - 1 **Control & Compliance** (Feb 2021)
 - 3 **Blue Economy** virtual (Oct 2020)
 - 1 **Cetaceans Bycatch** virtual Madrid (Nov 2020)
 - 7 **Climate & Environment** virtual (Oct 2020 (3), Jan, Feb, Mar, Jun 2021)
 - 3 **Brexit** virtual (Nov 2020, Jan, Feb 2021)
 - 2 **Whelk** virtual (Apr, Jun 2021)
 - 5 **Task Force** virtual (2x Apr, 2x May, June 2021)

Year 16 – NWWAC Meetings (Contd)

■ 4 Inter-AC

- ❑ **Commission Inter-AC meeting** virtual (January 2021)
- ❑ **Commission Inter-AC meeting on Brexit** virtual (February 2021)
- ❑ **Commission Inter-AC meeting** virtual (May 2021)
- ❑ **Commission Inter-AC meeting** virtual (July 2021)

■ 3 Workshops/webinars hosted by the NWWAC

- ❑ **Impact of Climate Change on Fisheries in the North Western Waters: examining policy, research, and potential mitigation and adaptation strategies, virtual** (November 2020)
- ❑ **Webinar on the application of the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management** (April 2021)
- ❑ **Article 27 of the Technical Measures Regulation: catch composition and mesh sizes (in collaboration with the Commission, EFCA and the Member States Control Expert Group)** (September 2021)

Year 16 – September 2021

External Meetings with NWWAC
participation

Year 16 - External Meetings – September 2021

- **North Western Waters Member States Group**
Meetings of the High Level Group and Technical Group
(February, March, 3x April, May, June, July, September)
- **EFCA**
Advisory Board meeting (October 2020, April 2021)
- **ICES**
MIACO & MIAC (January 2021)

Year 16 - External Meetings

General meetings

- EU Fisheries Control Coalition: How the Fisheries Control Regulation can help deliver the European Green Deal and make fisheries fit for the digital age (virtual, November 2020)
- European Social partner webinar on ILO C.188 (virtual, November 2020)
- DG MARE Webinar on the “Recreational fisheries monitoring & control” (virtual, December 2020)
- European Commission & EU IUU Coalition: fighting IUU fishing (virtual, December 2020)
- Department of the Taoiseach: Shared Island Initiative (virtual, February 2021)
- DHLGH Ireland: expanding Ireland’s Marine Protected Area Network (virtual, July 2021)
- AAC, DG MARE and DG ENV: Product Environmental Footprint CR consultation (virtual, August 2021)

Year 16 - September 2021

Letters, Opinions and Advice

30 submissions

All NWWAC advice and correspondence is available in the publications section of the NWWAC website: www.nwwac.org

Letters, Opinions and Advice

Landing Obligation:

- NWWAC Advice on Addressing Choke Risk in NWW after exemptions (November 2020)
- NWWAC response to DG MARE Technical Measures Regulation questionnaire (February 2021)
- NWWAC advice on Joint Recommendations Technical Measures (June 2021)
- NWWAC advice on the Joint recommendations Discard Plan 2022 (June 2021)

Advice on management strategies:

- NWWAC letter to the Commission regarding TAC setting for cod, haddock and whiting in Irish Sea statistical rectangles, 33E2 and 33E3 (October 2020)
- NWWAC Advice on management measures for sea bass 2021 (November 2020)
- NWWAC/NSAC joint Advice on the management of Skates and Rays (April 2021)
- NWWAC letter to the Commission on fishing authorisations in the Channel (April 2021)
- NWWAC response to NWW MSG Joint Recommendations on King Scallop in the Channel (April 2021)

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Advice on Fishing Opportunities:

- Advice on Fishing Opportunities for 2021 (September 2020)
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC advice on the Fishing Opportunities 2021 for undulate ray in the English Channel (ICES 7d, e) (December 2020)
- Letter to the Commission on the urgency of setting Fishing Opportunities for 2021 (January 2021)
- Advice on Fishing Opportunities for 2022 (August 2021)

Other:

- NWWAC/PELAC/NSAC advice for a non-recurrent request to ICES on impacts of wind energy developments (November 2020)
- NWWAC advice on incidental cetaceans bycatch in the North Western Waters (December 2020)
- Multi-AC advice on the “Maritime sector – a green post-COVID future” Roadmap (December 2020)

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Other cntd:

- NWWAC letter to the Commission addressing the current challenges regarding NGO membership (December 2020)
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC advice for a non-recurrent request to ICES on criteria for listing on the Prohibited Species List (December 2020)
- NWWAC letter to the Commission on its area of competence following Brexit (January 2021)
- Inter-ACs letter on stakeholder participation in future fisheries management and governance structures post-Brexit (May 2021)
- NWWAC response to the Consultation on the roadmap for the Action plan to conserve fisheries resources and protect marine ecosystems (May 2021)
- NWWAC advice on the impact of climate change on fisheries in the North Western Waters (May 2021)
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC request for updated scientific information on skates and rays (May 2021)

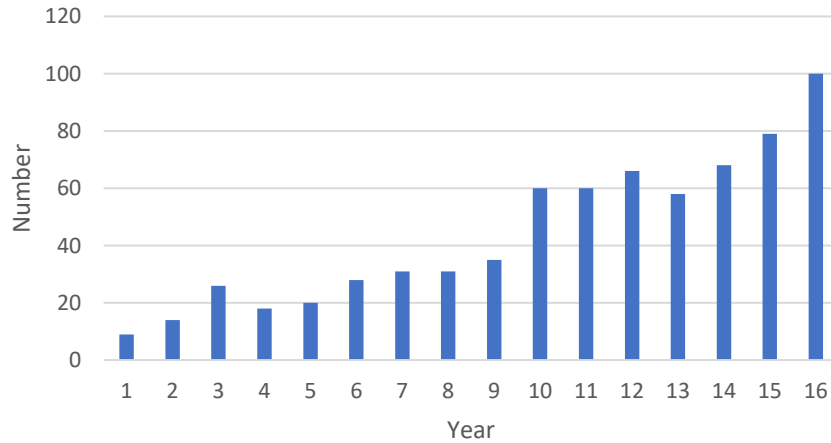
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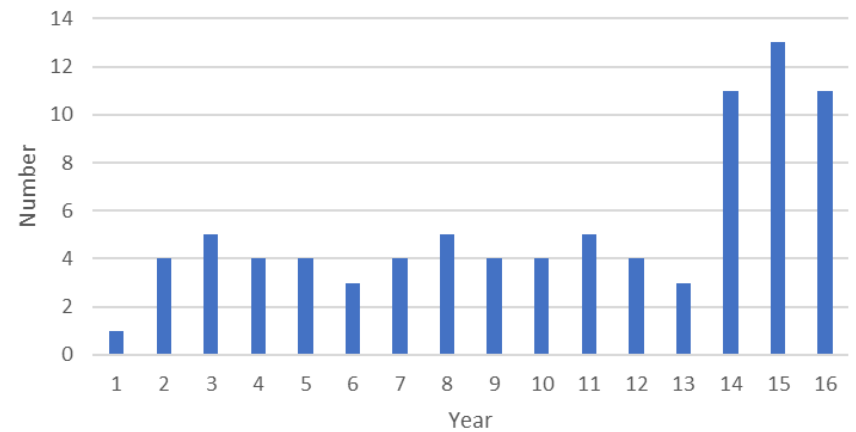
- NWWAC advice on the Commission's proposal regarding an AC advice template and the criteria for classifying members of the ACs (May 2021)
- NWWAC advice on Joint Recommendation Technical Measures in the NWW (June 2021)
- NWWAC reply to public consultation on expert advisory group report entitled "Expanding Ireland's Marine Protected Area Network" (July 2021)
- NWWAC feedback on the public initiative "CO2 emissions of engines - methodology for their reduction" (July 2021)
- NWWAC letter to the Commission regarding EU-UK technical measures (August 2021)
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC advice to the Commission on the Functioning of the ACs (September 2021)
- Joint NWWAC/NSAC/MAC advice on Production and Marketing of Brown Crab in the EU (September 2021)

Activity Overview Year 1 – Year 16

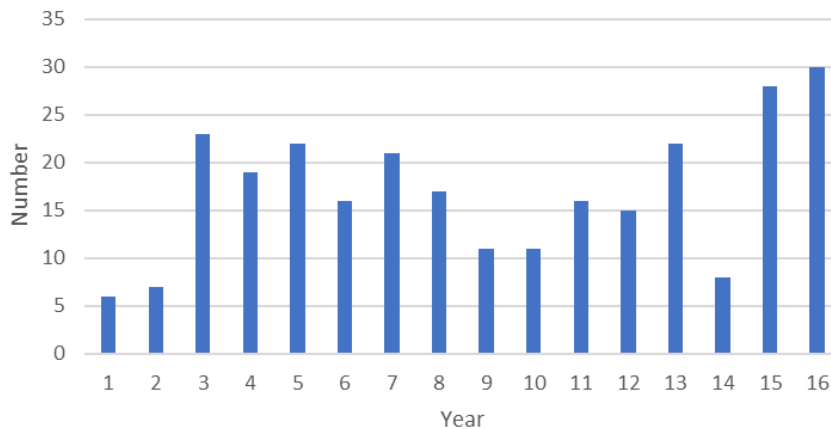
Meetings



Focus Groups



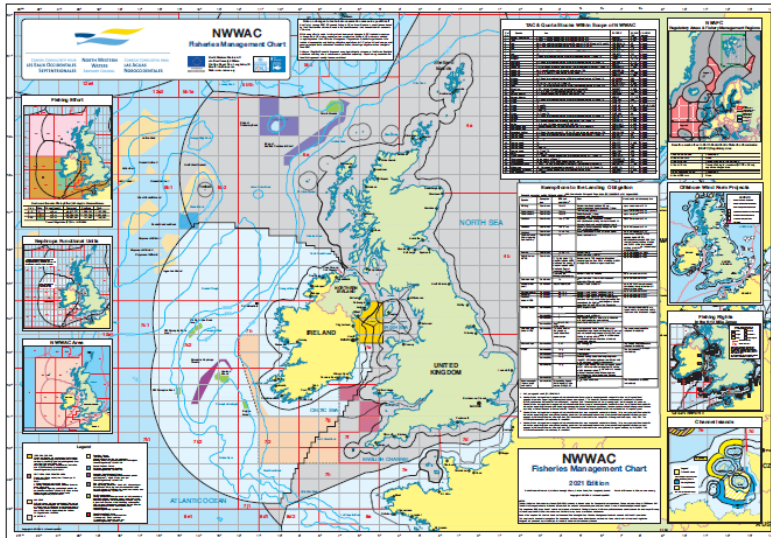
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Communication update

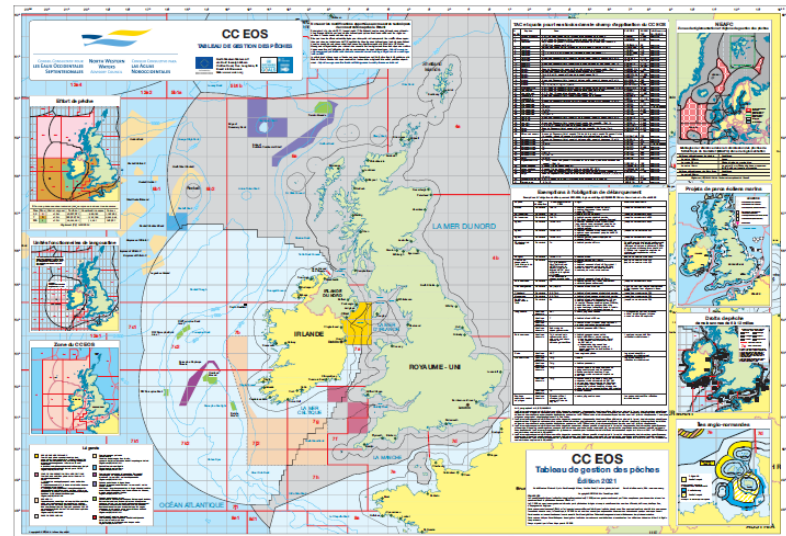
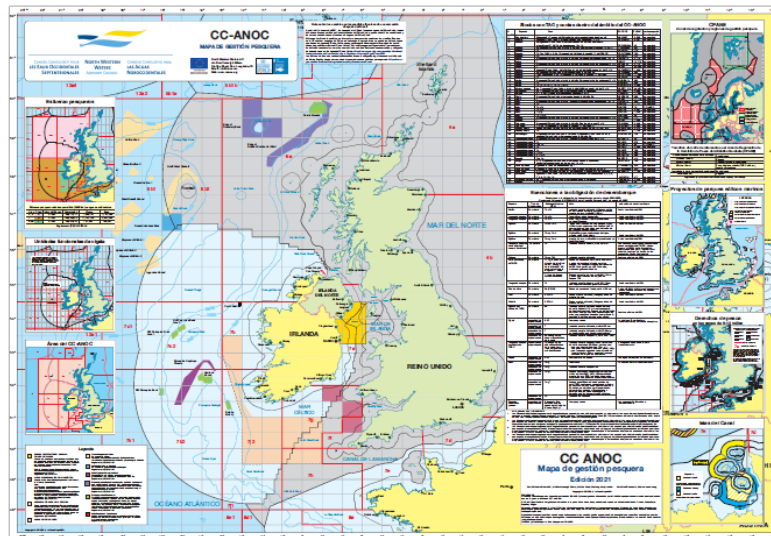
- Feedback needed: live poll on Members Area
- Homepage videos & YouTube Channel
- Email addresses

Launch of NWWAC Fisheries Management Chart



The Secretariat would like to thank:

- John Coleman, La Tene Maps
- Daragh Browne, BIM
- Puri & Julien



Work Programme Update Year 17

The proposed work programme for Year 17 was submitted to the Commission on 17 July 2021.



Work Programme 2021 - 2022

- Landing obligation
 - Implementation and Advice for 2022
 - Choke Identification Tool
 - Technical Measures
 - Policy process under regionalisation (e.g. NWW Member States Group);
- EC Regulations implementation
 - Compliance, control and enforcement
 - Multi-Annual Plan for the Western Waters
 - Technical measures

Work Programme 2021 - 2022

- Improving the quality of scientific and economic data (e.g., Mission Atlantic, SEAwisely)
- ICES – coordination
- Annual setting of TACs
- Functioning of the ACs in the new structures under the EU-UK TCA
- Preparation for the review of the CFP
- Inter-AC coordination
- Working procedures
 - Communications and Outreach evaluation

Work Programme 2021 - 2022

- Ecosystem & Environment
 - Ecosystem Advice;
 - Climate Change and Environment
 - EU Green Deal
 - Farm to Fork Initiative
 - EU Biodiversity Strategy
 - MPAs / Spatial Planning / Wind Farms & other offshore installations
- Social
 - Labour Supply & Crew Welfare
 - Safety

NWWAC Meetings

- **14, 15, 16 March 2022 (Madrid) (to be confirmed)**

Working Groups and Executive Committee.

- **4, 5, 6 July 2022 (Ghent)**

ICES Advice, Working Groups and Executive Committee.

- **5, 6, 7 September 2022 (Dublin)**

General Assembly & AGM, Executive Committee and Working Groups.

Other meetings in Year 17

12* Focus Groups or Advice Drafting Groups

- Face-to-face (one day duration);
- Web-based (meetings or pre-meetings).

**The number of meetings may change depending on urgency and budget availability*

Other expected meetings with NWWAC participation

- EFCA Advisory Board meeting (virtual, 08 October 2021)
- Commission Annual Farm to Fork Conference (October 2021)
- Coordination meeting between Advisory Councils (virtual, October 2021)
- Coordination meetings between DG MARE and the Advisory Councils; Brussels (November 2021);
- Annual Meeting between ICES and the Advisory Councils (MIAC, MIACO) (Copenhagen, January 2022).

Any questions?

Thank you.



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