



Market Advisory Council

General Assembly

Wednesday 13 February 2019

09:00-11:00

Bilbao Exhibition Center

Barakaldo, Bizkaia

Welcome from the Chair

The Chair, Guus Pastoor, welcomed those present.

Adoption of agenda and minutes last meeting (18.10.18)

Both minutes of last meeting and agenda were adopted.

Update on the work done per Working Group

➤ Working Group 1: Sean O'Donoghue

The Chair presented the key work done by WG1 over the past year:

- Publication of the [PMPs guidelines](#)
- EMFF: a FG resumed the [work done previously](#) on the EMFF by drafting an opinion on the proposal tabled, which will be put forward for adoption by the Executive Committee after being endorsed by WG1
- Marketing Standards: a FG was created in order to address the request from the COM on drafting an opinion on the matter
- STECF annual economic report of the fishing fleet: WG1 explored the possibility of collaborating with STECF
- The WG considered the Landing Obligation (LO) but decided to address the issue in the near future

The Chair then highlighted the topics to be dealt with in the future within WG1:

- Approval by the Executive Committee of the advice on the EMFF
- Adoption of the draft advice on Marketing Standards
- First outing by September 2019 on the LO
- Draw up a clear roadmap on where to go with EUMOFA (questionnaire and potential set of recommendations) by September 2019
- Continue to strive for a development of the link between STECF and the MAC, especially regarding the competitiveness of the fleet

➤ Working Group 2: Andrew Kuyk

The main work of WG2 has been the Control Regulation, on which the MAC has published an [opinion](#), to which the European Commission (COM) [replied](#).



Currently, the main focuses of WG2 are

- Level Playing Field (LPF). There is still work to be done in understanding the legislation applicable to products on the market in the EU. The Focus Group created for this purpose will reconvene in March.
- The supply of fish products to the market. A FG on Traceability could be established, with an outcome to be determined.
- Further develop the link between the MAC and EUMOFA/STECF.

➤ **Working Group 3: Georg Werner**

The Chair presented the key work done by WG3 over the past year:

- Ecolabel, certification schemes and voluntary information. WG3 replied to a [questionnaire](#) which was forwarded to COM upon their request. WG3 decided to organise a workshop on the issue in the near future.
- Workshop on plastics strategy from the EC: a discussion took place and the planning of such workshop is under preparation.
- Dual Quality issue: brought from the EC, specific case of canned tuna. The MAC [stated](#) that in this specific case the dual quality of the product was not an issue.
- An [AAC-MAC joint advice on tetrodotoxin](#) was adopted.
- [Caviar labelling](#): the AAC requested MAC's support. WG3 will further assess MAC's opinion in this particular case and will establish a Focus Group to address consumer information in general.
- Traceability: as horizontal issue, all working groups will be involved in the work done in this regard.

Administrative matters

- **Adoption of new Rules of Procedure**

The Secretariat presented the new [Rules of Procedure](#). These were adopted.

- **Update on the Work Programme Year 3**

The Secretariat presented the [Work Programme for Year 3](#).

- **Discharge of accounts Year 2**

The [discharge of accounts of Year 2](#) was approved by the GA.

- **Draft Budget Year 4**

The Secretariat presented the draft [Budget for Year 4](#), which is still subject to amendments by members until May 2019. The Secretariat reassured that the draft budget takes into account the establishment of further FGs within the MAC as well as the organisation of workshops etc. The draft budget was adopted by the GA.

- **Calendar of meetings**

The calendar of MAC meetings was approved.

16-17 May 2019	2-3 September 2019	15-16 January 2020 (TBC)
WG 1, 2, 3, ExCom	WG 1, 2, 3, ExCom	WG 1, 2, 3, GA
Brussels	Amsterdam (TBC)	TBC

- **Information on new members**

The Secretariat informed the GA that the MAC lost one member, SEAFISH, although they are an active observer as Member State, and gained one new member, OPP72.

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Suggestions were made regarding the MAC website and daily work procedures:

- Showcase pictures of the whole market chain
- Include information on the current focus groups and their members
- Papers related to the work of FGs will only be circulated by the Secretariat via email to the members
- The Secretariat will only upload on the MAC's website documents that have been officially signed off by the MAC and that are directly relevant to an agenda item
- The Secretariat will include information of the status of documents and how they relate to items on the agendas
- The Secretariat will prepare a newsletter for the Executive Committee on the developments under Focus Groups

End of the meeting

Attendance list

Organisation	Representative
ADEPALE	Pierre Commere
AIPCE	Guus Pastoor
AIPCE-CEP	Andrew Kuyk
Ancit	Giorgio Alessandro Rimoldi
ANFACO-CECOPECA	Roberto Carlos Alonso Baptista de Sousa
Coalition for Fair Fisheries Arrangements	Beatrice Gorez
CONXEMAR	Aurora de Blas Carbonero
CONXEMAR	Katarina Sipic
Cooperativa de armadores de pesca del Puerto de Vigo (ARVI)	José Antonio Suarez-Llanos Rodriguez
COPA-COGECA	Massimo Bellavista
Danish Seafood Association	Jens Høj Mathiesen
EAP0	Emiel Brouckaert
EJF	Georg Werner
EMPA/AEPM	Maria Angeles Longa
ETF	Juan Manuel Trujillo Castillo
Europêche	Daniel Voces de Onaindi
FEAP	Kathryn Stack
FEAP	Arnault Chaperon
Fedepesca	Maria Luisa Alvarez Blanco
Federación Provincial de Cofradías de Pescadores de Lugo	Jose Basilio Otero Rodríguez
FRUCOM	Anna Boulova
Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation	Patrick Murphy
Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation Ltd	Sean O'Donoghue
Living Sea	Erik Bjorn Olsen
Long Distance Fleet Advisory Council (LDAC)	Alexandre Rodriguez
Low Impact Fishers of Europe (LIFE)	Marcin Rucinski
MAC	Sandra Sanmartin
MAC	Jessica Demblon
MAC	Panos Manias
Marine Stewardship Council (MSC)	Hans Nieuwenhuis
Mercadona	Lorena Torrecillas
Oceana	Vanya Vulperhorst
Oceana	Agnes Lisik
OPEGUI	Miren Garmendia Ceberio
OPESCAYA	Aurelio Bilbao
OPP 72	Nicolas Fernández Muñoz
OPP LUGO – Organiz Productores Pesqueros Lugo	Sergio López García
PSPR	Jarek Zieliński
Puerto de Celeiro s a OPP77	Eduardo Miguez López
SEAFISH	Cristina Fernandez



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VisNed	Pim Visser
WWF	Katrin Vilhelm Poulsen
WWF	Simone Niedermüller
Visfederatie	Mike Turenhout
DG MARE	Evelien Ranshuysen