

## Working Group 1: EU Production Minutes

Tuesday, 1 September 2020

09:00 - 10:45 CET

Zoom online meeting

Welcome from the Chair, Sean O'Donoghue

Adoption of draft agenda and minutes of last meeting (02.06.20): adopted

### EUMOFA

- **Exchange of views on the Commission's reply**

The Chair recalled that the MAC adopted an advice to DG MARE on additional case studies via EUMOFA. The advice was developed at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. The advice does mention that the impact of the pandemic was not taken into account. The Commission provided a very detailed reply, which requests more information on the MAC's priorities.

- **Consideration of draft advice clarifying previous suggestions**

*Working Group 1 proceeded to analyse, paragraph by paragraph, the draft advice, in order to reach agreement by consensus on each individual paragraph.*

Pierre Commère (ADEPALE), in relation to the reference to the shift from fresh and chilled products to frozen ones in chapter 2, requested the addition of a reference to processed products.

Guus Pastoor (Visfederatie), in relation to the geographical scope of the proposed study on herring in chapter 4, requested the inclusion of the German market.

Pierre Commère (ADEPALE) argued that the drafting of the reference to the study "Smoked Salmon in France (September 2016) was not entirely clear.

The Secretary General explained that, in the previous advice, the MAC requested general studies on large trout and meagre. In their reply, the European Commission explains that large trout is used mainly for smoking. Therefore, the Commission was asking if the study on smoked salmon was enough to cover this sector. The intention of the draft advice is to explain that the MAC does not believe the study on smoked salmon to be enough, so the MAC would also like studies on large trout and meagre.



Pierre Commère (ADEPALE) proposed the reformulation of the paragraph, in order to mention that the study on smoked salmon could be used as a structure for the reports on large trout and meagre.

Javier Ojeda (FEAP) suggested to change the way the sentences were drafted, since the mention of “not sufficient” in relation to the different studies could be confusing for the reader.

The Chair highlighted that, from an English language perspective, the intent of the sentence was clear. In relation to the request for the studies to be produced in 2020, the Chair wondered if it would be realistic to request it.

Laurène Jolly (DG MARE) stated that it was feasible to start some of the studies in 2020, but the results would probably be available in the beginning of 2021.

The Chair proposed to draft it as “these studies should be carried out, as far as possible, in 2020”.

Nicolás Fernandez Muñoz (OPP72) emphasised the importance of EUMOFA taking into account the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for the European small-scale artisanal fisheries.

The Chair proposed the inclusion of a suggestion of an impact analysis on the market implications of the COVID-19 pandemic for small-scale fisheries.

Nicolás Fernandez Muñoz (OPP72) agreed.

The Chair proposed to put forward the agreed draft to the Executive Committee under urgent written procedure, since the European Commission is waiting for the MAC’s reply.

*The Working Group agreed to put forward the draft text, with the integration of the proposed amendments, to the Executive Committee under urgent written procedure.*

## STECF

- **Consideration of draft advice on data collection by STECF**

*Working Group 1 proceeded to analyse, paragraph by paragraph, the draft advice, in order to reach agreement by consensus on each individual paragraph.*

The Chair proposed to follow the ordinary procedure for the adoption of this draft advice, so that it could be adopted at the 23 September Executive Committee meeting.



Gaël Laviaille (Les Pêcheurs de Bretagne), in relation to reference to the Data Collection Framework and the Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet, suggested that socioeconomic indicators, such as the work hours, be made available.

The Chair explained that there is extensive data in the Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet concerning days at sea, salaries, and other socioeconomic indicators. This comes from data already supplied by the Member States. Therefore, it would be important to check what is not already included in the report. Taking into account that, in January 2021, Working Group 1 will have another presentation by STECF on the report, the Chair suggested that, at that time, additional suggestions on socioeconomic indicators could be put forward.

Gaël Laviaille (Les Pêcheurs de Bretagne) explained that his comments were based on the information made available by STECF online. They agreed with the approach proposed by the Chair.

The Chair, concerning the reference to aquaculture enterprises involved in processing, wondered if these were covered by the EU Fish Processing Sector Economic Report.

The Secretary General explained that, from his understanding of the previous discussion on STECF data, aquaculture enterprises involved in a significant level of processing were covered by the EU Fish Processing Sector Economic Report, while the others were covered by the Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector.

Pierre Commère (ADEPALE), in relation to chapter 4, disagreed with limiting the reference to a “supermarket context” and proposed to expand it to cover the retail channel in general. Plus, it should refer to the “structure of sales” and not only of the “increasing share of sales”.

*The Working Group agreed to put forward the draft text, with the integration of the proposed amendments, to the Executive Committee under ordinary procedure.*

## AOB

None.



## List of attendees

Representative	Organisation
Annelie Rosell	Swedish Pelagic Federation PO
Cristina Fernández (observer)	United Kingdom (Seafish)
Gaël Lavielle	Les Pêcheurs de Bretagne
Guillaume Carruel	EAPO
Guus Pastoor	Visfederatie
Haydeé Fernández	Conxemar
Jens Mathiesen	Danish Seafood Association
José Carlos Escalera	Federación de Cofradías de Pescadores de Cádiz (FECOPESCA)
José Basilio Otero Rodríguez	Federación de Cofradías de Pescadores de Cadiz (FECOPESCA)
Juan Elices (observer)	Spain
Katarina Sipic	AIPCE-CEP
Katrin Poulsen	WWF
Laurène Jolly	European Commission
Linnea Engström	MSC
Mike Turenhout	Visfederatie
Mirta Novak (observer)	Croatia
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