



WORKING GROUP 1 – EU PRODUCTION

Sean O'Donoghue
Chair

Online (Zoom)
Tuesday, 25 January 2022

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 10:00 Welcome from the Chair, Sean O'Donoghue
- 10:05 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (17.09.21)
- 10:10 Action points of the last meeting
- 10:15 Strategic Guidelines for Sustainable and Competitive EU Aquaculture
- 10:45 Marketing Standards
- 11:20 **Break**
- 11:30 Landing Obligation
- 11:40 Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet
- 12:20 European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund
- 12:50 Production and Marketing Plans
- 13:20 AOB
- 13:25 Summary of actions points
- 13:30 End of the meeting**

ACTION POINTS (17 SEPTEMBER 2021)

Marketing Standards:

- Draft advice on incorporation of sustainability aspects in the marketing standards framework to be put forward to the Executive Committee for adoption through written procedure
 - Adoption by the Executive Committee: 15 October 2021
 - Reply from the European Commission: 12 November 2021

Joint MAC/NWWAC/NSAC Focus Group on Brown Crab:

- Draft advice on production and marketing of brown crab in the EU to be put forward to the Executive Committee for adoption through written procedure
 - Adoption by the Executive Committee: 8 October 2021
 - Reply from the European Commission: 16 November 2021

Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet:

- Presentation of STECF 2021 Annual Report to be scheduled for January meeting
 - Agenda item scheduled (11:30 CET)

STRATEGIC GUIDELINES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND COMPETITIVE EU AQUACULTURE

➤ **Presentation of Strategic Guidelines by Commission representative**

- **Emilia Gargallo Gonzalez (MARE A2)**
- COM Communication on 12 May 2021

➤ **Exchange of views & way forward**

- Proposals from members of future work?

MARKETING STANDARDS

- Exchange of views on the reply to the advice on the incorporation of sustainability aspects with Commission representative - Gerd Heinen (MARE A4)
- Advice adopted on 15 October 2021 – 21 Recommendations:
 - (Advice Concentrates on Social Economic Aspects)
 - Appropriate legal framework
 - CFP's concept of sustainability
 - Level-playing-field, imports, EU production
 - Avoidance of disproportionate administrative burden
 - MAC advice on voluntary sustainability claims
 - Compare relative VS absolute scoring systems
 - Full testing of system
 - In future work, use Social Criteria suggested by STECF
 - "Fair Production" cover both Production & Processing
 - Ratification of ILO Conventions & other international agreements
 - Economic Criteria: assess relevance, appropriate criteria & data requirements
 - Environmental Criteria: assess relevance of "plastics generation" & "fresh water use" for aquaculture products

MARKETING STANDARDS

➤ Exchange of views on the reply to the advice on the incorporation of sustainability aspects with Commission representative – Gerd Heinen (MARE A4)

➤ Reply on 12 November 2021:

- Important points raised. Many already reflected in impact assessment process.
- Sustainability element: Great value in sourcing and consumption. Meet consumer demand + valuable information in supply chain. Complementary to other European Green Deal and F2F Strategy actions.
- COM looking at different policy options. Build on CFP. Leverage positive performance of numerous operators. Product grading helpful in market access and valorisation of products. As such, economic sustainability would be factored in the impact of the revision.
- Applicable to both EU and imported products. Number of aspects to be taken into consideration, e.g., traceability of data. Good balance between benefits and administrative burden.

➤ Way forward

- Commitment to adopt advice on legislative proposal (WP of Y6)
- Adoption of legislative proposal: Q2 2022

LANDING OBLIGATION

➤ Update on 2021 reporting by Commission representative

- Evelien Ranshuysen (MARE D3)
- Annual report by COM based on information from MS, ACs, and other sources.

➤ Way forward:

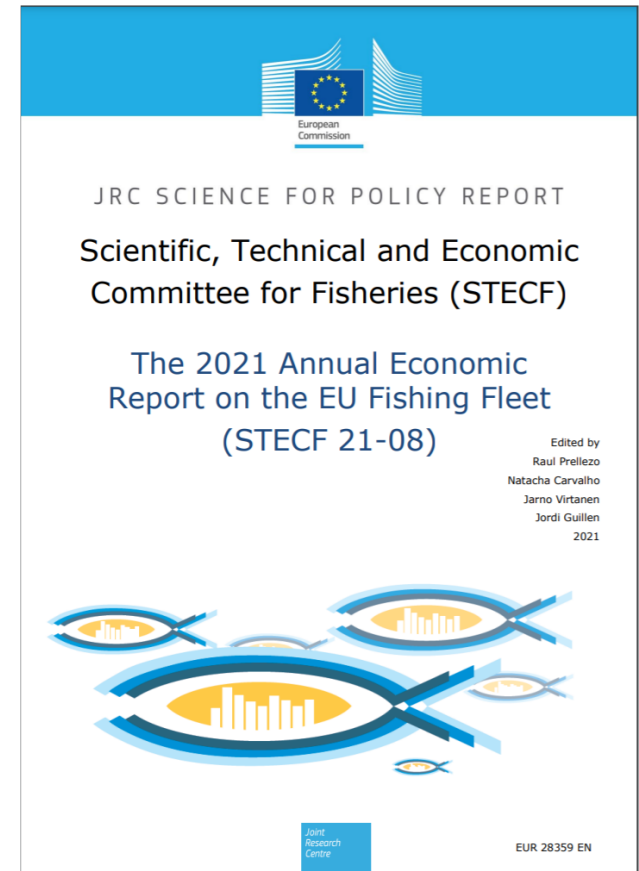
- MAC committed to adopt advice on 2021 implementation (WP of Y6)
- Issues of particular interest:
 - 1) MAC's previous requests
 - 2) lack of data
 - 3) socio-economic impacts on consumption and markets
 - 4) measures to monitor landings at fish markets/auctions
 - 5) infringements detected at landing/marketing
- Same reply as 2021?

ANNUAL ECONOMIC REPORT ON THE EU FISHING FLEET

➤ Presentation of STECF 2021 Annual Report by Raúl Pallezo, Principal Researcher, AZTI

- Published in November 2021

➤ Exchange of views



EUROPEAN MARITIME FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE FUND

- **Presentation on national programmes by Member States representatives**
 - **Raúl Rodrigálvarez, Head of Unit, Subdirectorate on Economic Sustainability and Social Affairs, General Secretariat of Fisheries, Spain**

- **Exchange of views & way forward**

PRODUCTION AND MARKETING PLANS

➤ Exchange of views on MAC's guidelines and good practices (2018)

■ Issues Covered:

- Structure / Format of PMP
- Annual Report
- Member State Requirements
- Differences between fisheries & aquaculture PMPs
- Funding of PMPs and what is covered

PRODUCTION AND MARKETING PLANS

➤ Exchange of views on MAC's guidelines and good practices (2018)

- Content and Format of PMP: Nature, diversity, size and operating environment of POs vary enormously in EU. Single format would not be adequate. List of voluntary measures:

- 1) Actions undertaken with a view to planning production
- 2) Actions undertaken with a view to maintaining high-quality production
- 3) Measures related to the environment
- 4) Actions related to the improvement of marketing
- 5) Measures related to research and experimentation
- 6) Measures for the prevention and management of crises
- 7) Training efforts
- 8) Other measures

➤ Way forward:

- Decision on updating of guidelines and good practices?
- EMFAF Funding
- Commission's CMO implementation report & Questionnaire

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

- **AOB**
- **Summary of action points**
- **End of meeting**