

Executive Committee

Draft Minutes

Thursday, 7 July 2022 (09:00 – 11:00 CEST)

Zoom (Remote)

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

Welcome from the Chair, Guus Pastoor

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Adoption of draft agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (24.05.22): adopted

Action points of the last meeting

- State-of-play of the decision made during the last meeting information
- Farm to Fork Strategy:
 - Summary paper on initiatives affecting the market to be used in future exchanges of views with invited guests.
 - In progress
- Working Groups:
 - Adopted advice (PEFCR, transnationality of POs, and STECF's 2022 AER Report) to be sent to Commission and Member States.
 - Advice sent replies received on PEFCR and Transnationality
- Performance Review:
 - Conclusions and recommendations to be kept in mind for upcoming Work Programme.
 - In progress
- Organisation of meetings:
 - Meetings to be organised, with some alternation, in physical or online formats. General Assembly meetings should take place in physical format.
 - September 2022 and January 2023 meetings to take place in physical format, while March 2023 meetings to take place in online format.
 - Meetings planned accordingly, including under draft Work Programme of Year 7
- <u>AOB</u>:
 - Draft letter to the Commission on the influence of weighing and de-icing on the market, in the context of the Fisheries Control Regulation, to be prepared by Pim Visser (VisNed), Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO) and the Secretariat for consideration via written procedure.
 - Draft under development

<u>Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)</u> suggested the development of a table by the Secretariat to keep track of the commitments, under the annual work programme, to adopt recommendations, for example





status of the draft advice, responsible Working Group, date of adoption by the Executive Committee, and replies from the European Commission and the Member States.

The <u>Chair</u> agreed that such a table could be useful. The Chair recalled that, under the Commission's new financing rules, 50% of the annual commitments must be met, in order to receive the full amount of the financial grant.

The <u>Secretary General</u> highlighted that, under the new template of the Work Programme, there was a table with a planned list of recommendations, which includes a timeline. The Secretary General suggested the creation of a more detailed area to be included in the members' area of the website. In the past, the Secretariat provided regular updates on the implementation of the work programme.

Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023)

• Presentation of priorities, deliverables and planning by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

The <u>Secretary General</u> recalled that, under the Rules of Procedure, the annual work programme is prepared by the Executive Committee and approved by the General Assembly. In line with the Commission's financial guidelines, the work programme must be submitted to them two months before the beginning of the operational year. Therefore, the aim was for the Executive Committee to consider the draft work programme, submit the work programme to DG MARE by end of July, and have the formal approval by the General Assembly in September 2022. In line with previous practice, the Secretariat sent the draft to MARE A4 for informal preliminary feedback. The new template provided by DG MARE, in the context of the change to the lump-sum approach, was followed.

The Secretary General provided an overview of the draft work programme. In the "background" section, there is an overview of the legal basis, composition of the General Assembly and of the Executive Committee, plus reference to the performance review. In the "main priorities", there is a description of the main topics of work: Farm to Fork Strategy, market disturbances, trade agreements and trade policy instruments, IUU fishing and global governance, EUMOFA, landing obligation, and STECF. In the "work priorities identified for each Working Group and Focus Group", there is a list of the general competencies of each of the three working groups. In the "other issues of interest", five other initiatives are mentioned: DG ENV's initiative on substantiating green claims, DG JUST's initiative on empowering consumers for the green transition, the EU taxonomy and technical screening criteria, the EU initiative on forced labour, and the revision of the guidelines and good practices document on Production and Marketing Plans.

In the "planned recommendations" section, nine recommendations are planned on the following topics: work programme of EUMOFA, annual report on the implementation of the landing obligation, Russian invasion of Ukraine, legislative proposal on the revision of the marketing standards framework, legislative proposal on the revision of the Food Information to Consumers Regulation, the impact of existing EU trade policy instruments on the market, Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet, and IUU fishing.





<u>Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)</u> recalled that, every two years, STECF publishes the Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector. The expert group will meet from 24 to 28 October 2022. The report should be publicly available around March 2023. Mr Guillaumie suggested the inclusion a recommendation about the report in the list of planned recommendations.

The <u>Secretary General</u> responded that the planning of meetings included a presentation of the STECF aquaculture report under Working Group 1. If members agreed, the commitment to produce advice on the report could be added to the list of planned recommendations.

The <u>Chair</u> stated that the inclusion of the aquaculture report on the Working Group 1's agenda gave the opportunity to decide at a later stage on whether to develop advice or not. The Chair recalled that, under the new financial rules, 50% of the commitments must be met to ensure full financing.

<u>Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO)</u> recognised the relevance of the aquaculture report, but added that it was important to be especially careful in the selection of the commitments, in order to avoid a reduction in the Commission's financial grant.

<u>Pierre Commère (AIPCE)</u> suggested the deletion of the planned recommendation on the impact of existing EU trade policy instruments on the market. At the previous Working Group 2 meeting, no agreement was reached on the Terms of Reference to establish a new Focus Group. In his view, a commitment to produce advice by May 2023 could be excessively ambitious.

The <u>Chair</u> agreed that, considering the lack of agreed Terms of Reference, it could be overly ambitious to commit to produce advice on the topic. It could be more appropriate to merely mention it as a potential topic.

<u>Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)</u> emphasised the importance of holding a presentation of the STECF Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector. Mr Guillaumie also called for the inclusion of a commitment to adopt a recommendation on the report. The next report will be the third edition of the report. It will be possible to analyse the downward trends, which is contrary to the announced political will of impetus. It is important to analyse the consequences for the market of this trend. The Aquaculture Advisory Council will also participate in this work.

<u>Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO)</u> expressed understanding for Mr Guillaumie's intervention. Mr O'Donoghue highlighted that the majority of the planned recommendations were identified as a responsibility of WG1, which gave the impression of imbalance in the distribution of responsibilities.

The <u>Chair</u> agreed with Mr O'Donoghue that there was an imbalance, which did not reflect the actual workload of the three working groups.

The <u>Secretary General</u> recognised the imbalance, which was not reflective of the actual work. Taking into account the topics of Working Group 1, it was easier to be more precise concerning commitments and timelines, because it is connected to period reports. Under operational year 6, Working Group 3 was the most productive working group. For Year 7, the topics of Working Group 3 were linked to Farm to Fork Strategy initiatives, so it was more difficult to predict the timeline of the Commission's





consultations and proposals. The topics of Working Group 2 were also harder to plans since, for example, under IUU fishing, there could be several recommendations.

<u>Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO)</u> suggested the inclusion of a generic commitment to produce advice on the Farm to Fork Strategy under Working Group 3.

<u>Pierre Commère (AIPCE)</u> highlighted that, for example, the legislative proposal on the revision of the marketing standards framework was relevant for both Working Group 1 and Working Group 3.

The <u>Chair</u> agreed with Mr Commère. The STECF Economic Report on the EU Aquaculture Sector and the Work Programme of EUMOFA would also have elements relevant for both Working Group 1 and Working Group 2. The Chair asked members for their agreement on the discussed amendments.

The Executive Committee agreed on the discussed amendments.

The <u>Secretary General</u> provided an overview of the "planning of meetings" section. As previous practice, four groups of meetings were foreseen to take place in January, March, May, and September. In line with the action items of the previous meeting, the meetings of January, May and September would take place in a physical format, while the March meetings would take place online. The Secretary General recalled that the Commission services were seeking a 20% reduction of physical meetings, a goal that would be met. The Commission services had also encouraged the organisation of hybrid meetings, in order to reduce travelling and facilitate attendance of various experts. Since the physical meetings were foreseen to take place in Brussels, the participation of Commission representatives should be easy to accommodate. The "main topics / subjects of meetings" reflect the usual topics and justify the attendance of Commission representatives.

• Presentation of draft budget by Panos Manias, Financial Officer

Click <u>here</u> to access the presentation.

The <u>Financial Officer</u> provided an overview of the draft budget for the next operational year. The total budget would be € 344.204,80, representing a small reduction compared to the budget of Year 6, since the Commission's annual contribution has been reduced. The expected financial contribution from the European Commission corresponds to € 294.204,80. Financial contributions from, at least, seven Member States are expected, plus membership fees from 57 members.

For "staff", the total expenditure foreseen would be € 137.040. The Secretariat is composed of three employees. The Secretary General working full time, while the assistant and the financial officer work partially. Since it is the last year of the current contract between the MAC and EBCD, a new call for tender will need to be launched.

For "participation in meetings", the total expenditure foreseen would be \in 62.526. There would be three groups of in-person meetings in January, May, and September 2023. The average budgeted expenditure per bundle of meetings would be \in 18.000. Additionally, \in 8.500 are foreseen for travelling expenses for the Secretariat and experts.





For "information and preparation of meetings", the average budgeted expenditure per bundle of meetings would be € 13.000. These would cover rental of meeting rooms, lunches and/or dinners, rental of additional equipment (e.g., AV and cameras). Plus, € 1.300 to cover additional costs, such as subscription of Zoom.

For "operating costs", the total expenditure foreseen would be € 20.055, which would cover rent, data processing equipment, and overheads. The majority of the expenses are covered under the contract with EBCD. Additionally, € 2.500 are budgeted for any additional data processing equipment.

For "interpretation and translation", the total expenditure foreseen would be \notin 76.600, which is divided into \notin 51.200 for interpretation services and \notin 25.400 for translation services. Interpretation is foreseen for the four groups of meetings, plus the Executive Committee meeting of July. The average expenditure for interpretation per bundle of meetings is \notin 10.000.

For "other contracts", the total expenditure foreseen would be \in 7.580, which corresponds to contracts with external accounting services and with an external auditor. There is an increase compared to the present operational year due to inflation.

The <u>Secretary General</u> recalled that, under Article 7 of the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2015/242, Member States may provide financial support to facilitate the functioning of the Advisory Councils. Since 2016, the MAC has been suggesting annual contributions of \notin 2.000 from each Member State. Based on informal contacts with other Secretariats, other Advisory Councils seem to suggest higher amounts. The Secretariat also contacted some of the contributing Member States about their openness to increase their contribution to \notin 3.000 or \notin 4.000. Taking into account the increasing inflation and the reduction in the Commission's financial contribution, the Secretary General stated that it would be useful to increase the contributions from Member States. He also called on the members to encourage their national authorities to provide contributions.

<u>Pim Visser (VisNed)</u> thanked the Secretariat for their good work in managing the finances. Mr Visser committed to contacting the Dutch authorities about the provision of a financial contribution.

<u>Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)</u> called for further interactions with the Member States in the definition of work priorities. It should be clear which recommendations are directed at the Commission and which ones are directed at the Member States. Requests for recommendations can come from both the European Commission and the Member States.

The <u>Secretary General</u> agreed with Mr Guillaumie. In the past, the Secretariat sent letters to the national authorities to encourage their involvement. The reactions were different across the national authorities. Some Member States were willing to provide financial contributions, but were not interested in participating in meetings. Some Member States did not respond. The Secretary General highlighted the importance of members encouraging their national authorities to participate.

<u>Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO)</u> thanked the Financial Officer for the clear presentation. Mr O'Donoghue agreed with the suggestion to increase the contributions to \in 3.000 per Member State, which would be more in line with the practices of other Advisory Councils.





The Executive Committee agreed on the draft budget for Year 7 (2022-2023).

European Green Deal & Farm to Fork Strategy

• Presentation of background paper on initiatives affecting the market of fisheries and aquaculture products by Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

Click <u>here</u> to access the background paper.

The <u>Chair</u> recalled that, at the last meeting of Working Group 3, it was agreed, as an action point, that a background document outlining ongoing European Green Deal and Farm to Fork Strategy initiatives affecting the fisheries and aquaculture sector would be prepared by the Secretariat.

The <u>Secretary General</u> provided an overview of the background paper, which covers the initiatives, the lead Directorate-General of the European Commission, the timeline, and the related documents, including pieces of advice adopted.

The <u>Chair</u> thanked the Secretariat for the useful background paper.

<u>Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO)</u> stated that the document was extremely useful and should be continuously updated. Mr O'Donoghue wondered if there were other initiatives that were not covered in the background document.

The <u>Secretary General</u> responded that he tried to cover all initiatives with an impact on the fisheries and aquaculture market. The Secretary General asked members, if they were aware of additional initiatives, to inform him, so that these could be added to the document.

<u>Pierre Commère (AIPCE)</u> thanked the Secretariat for the background paper. In relation to the initiative on the marketing standards framework, Mr Commère highlighted that the Commission would be revising the existing standards, but also introduce a new component, which should become clearer once the legislative proposal is published.

<u>Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)</u> state that the document was very useful. Mr Guillaumie highlighted two European Green Deal initiatives that were relevant for the MAC: the Biodiversity Strategy, which includes measures on microplastics, and the Zero Pollution Action Plan.

Membership of General Assembly

• Endorsement of new member Związek Polskich Producentów Ryb (Polish Fish Producers Association) from Poland

The <u>Chair</u> recalled that, under the applicable rules, membership applications are endorsed by the Member States. Poland endorsed the application of the Polish Fish Producers Association.

Jaroslaw Zieliński (PFPA) explained that his organisation was the second inter-branch organisation to be recognised in Poland and by the Commission. PFPA is focused on the Baltic Sea basin, representing





around 30% of the Polish catches and over 220.000 tonnes of processed material. The inter-branch organisation includes Producer Organisations, individual companies, vessel operators, traders, and processors in Poland. Mr Zieliński his willingness to work together with other members in the MAC.

The Executive Committee endorsed the membership of the Polish Fish Producers Association.

2022 UN Ocean Conference

• Reporting back by Christine Absil, Vice-Chair, and Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

The <u>Chair</u> recalled that the Christine Absil (Good Fish) and the Secretary General attended the 2022 UN Ocean Conference, which took place in Lisbon from 27 June to 1 July 2022, on behalf of the MAC.

<u>Christine Absil (Good Fish)</u> expressed satisfaction with the participation in the conference, which was useful to understand developments at the international level and to establish contacts. Ms Absil highlighted the discussions on pollution, acidification, and climate mitigation measures. There were significant calls for action on deep sea mining from NGOs and French President Macron. FAO presented the latest SOFIA report. Ms Absil also drew attention to discussions on BBNJ. Further developments on the BBNJ Treaty are expected in August 2022.

The <u>Secretary General</u> highlighted that the delegations adopted the "Lisbon Declaration", which calls for strengthening data collection, recognition of the role of indigenous people, the promotion of innovative financing solutions, and the encouragement of women and girls' participation in the ocean-based economy. Governments made commitments connected to financial investments in MPAs, ocean protection, and resilience building. There were many side events by different stakeholders, including on the future of blue food, IUU, biodiversity, trade facilitation, existing challenges. USA representatives raised awareness about the new Memorandum on Combating IUU Fishing and Associated Labour Abuses, recently signed by President Biden. NGOs also announced the launch of two new initiatives against IUU fishing: the Global Transparency Coalition and the Joint Analytical Cell. The next conference will be co-hosted by France and Costa Rica in Marseille.

Inter-ACs Brexit Forum

• Reporting back by Guus Pastoor, Chair, and Pedro Reis Santos, Secretary General

The <u>Chair</u> recalled that the Inter-AC Brexit Forum is composed by the different Advisory Councils affected by Brexit. There is a rotation system for the chairing and organisation of the meetings. The Chair reported back on the 2nd and 3rd meetings of the Forum, which took place on 2 June and 30 June 2022, respectively. The European Commission reported back on the meetings of the Specialised Committee on Fisheries. Members exchanged about the Domestic Advisory Group, a consultation body composed of stakeholders of different industries. In the view of the members of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum, fisheries matters would be better addressed by the Advisory Councils than by the Domestic Advisory Group. Members also discussed the potential establishment of a Focus Group on non-quota species multi-year strategy parameters, but it was concluded that it requires further





discussion. The Chair highlighted that the issues under discussion were mainly connected to fisheries policy, but discussions on market policy could take place in the future.

The <u>Secretary General</u> informed that reports of the meetings were prepared by the Secretariats. The Commission asked for these to be kept confidential, due to sensitive information relevant to ongoing political discussions. Therefore, these could be circulated to the members, but not made publicly available on the website.

<u>Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)</u> expressed satisfaction that, in the context of Brexit, alternatives had been developed for the transport of aquaculture products, especially beneficial for Irish operators.

<u>Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO)</u> underscored the importance of treating the reports with confidentiality, expressing concern about the potential circulation of the reports via email or in the Members' Area. Mr O'Donoghue highlighted discussions were mainly focused on fisheries policy, not market. A good working relationship was developed between the Advisory Councils and the Commission. Concerning Mr Guillaumie's intervention, Mr O'Donoghue exemplified that the Irish scallop fishery faced significant problems and revenue loss, since it was no longer possible to land in British ports and process the products in Ireland.

The <u>Chair</u> emphasised that, if reports were not made available to members, it was important to continue ensuring reporting back by participants, since the participation is on behalf of the MAC.

The <u>Secretary General</u> committed to checking with the other AC Secretariats and with the European Commission representatives about the preferred way to address the confidentiality of the reports.

<u>Sean O'Donoghue (EAPO)</u> suggested that it would be appropriate to circulate the draft agendas and to continue holding reporting back sessions in Executive Committee meetings.

The <u>Secretary General</u> informed that the members of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum proposed the adoption of joint letter on bringing fisheries matters through to the Specialised Committee on Fisheries via existing advisory bodies (ACs). It was agreed to put forward the draft letter for adoption in the Executive Committee of each participating Advisory Council. The draft letter was circulated via email prior to the meeting. Once there is agreement from all participating Advisory Councils, the letter will be sent to DG MARE.

The Executive Committee endorsed the draft joint letter on bringing fisheries matters through to the Specialised Committee on Fisheries via existing advisory bodies (ACs).

Biodiversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ)

• Presentation of Global Tuna Alliance and Sustainable Seafood Coalition's Joint Position by Oliver Tanqueray, ClientEarth

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<u>Oliver Tanqueray (ClientEarth)</u> provided an overview of the work of his organisation, including engagement with businesses and markets to encourage them to go beyond their legal duties. In some instances, those businesses chose to advocate for improvements to the law. Mr Tanqueray informed that ClientEarth's work with the seafood industry concerning the High Seas Treaty had been previously presented at a side event of the UN Ocean Conference. Seafood businesses have decided to advocate for a robust High Seas Treaty.

Mr Tanqueray introduce the pre-competitive collaboration platforms involved. The Sustainable Seafood Coalition includes 45 members with joint commitments to Codes of Conduct on responsible sourcing and environmental claims. The Hong Kong Sustainable Seafood Coalition includes 18 members in a coalition aiming to advance the sustainable seafood market in Hong Kong through good sourcing practices. The Global Tuna Alliance consists of 49 partners in a sector-wide, multi-stakeholder initiative to build shared, global and non-competitive solutions to sustainability issues in the global supply chain.

On the importance of the High Seas Treaty for seafood businesses, Mr Tanqueray emphasised that data shows a dramatic increase in fishing pressure since 1980s, while catches are stagnating. High Seas fisheries account for up to US\$16 billion annually in gross catch. Estimates of the economic value of carbon storage by the High Seas range from US\$74 billion to US\$222 billion a year. The High Seas are inextricably linked to coastal ecosystems, as exemplified by highly migratory species. Yet, many nation States are sceptical of including fisheries in the High Seas Treaty.

Mr Tanqueray provided an overview of the Global Tuna Alliance and Sustainable Seafood Coalition's Joint Position on Biodiversity in areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ). The joint position recognises the impact of fisheries. Commercial fisheries impacts represent the largest direct driver of biodiversity decline in the High Seas. Increased protection is needed for areas beyond national jurisdiction. Transformative change is required to address the climate and biodiversity crises. Currently, only around 1% of the High Seas are protected and there is insufficient oversight or accountability of activities that could impact on the global commons. The joint position calls for a High Seas Treaty that harmonises the responsibilities of RFMOs. The BBNJ Treaty should be capable of complementing the conservation and management measures of RFMOs. The Treaty must address the cumulative impacts of human activities that RFMOs do not have the capacity or mandate to monitor and manage. The joint statement calls for the process to involve those most affected by the Treaty. The High Seas are one of the last global commons, where only a few actors currently stand to profit. Retailers and supplies of seafood and Small Island Developing States should be involved.

In terms of next steps, Mr Tanqueray called on NGOs to use this industry statement in their BBNJ advocacy efforts and to encourage their industry partners to sign up to support the statement. He encouraged policy decision-markers to consider how this statement might affect their negotiating positions and to refer to the industry position where helpful, especially when facing resistance to an ambitious treaty. He called on industry members to reflect on their reliance on a healthy High Seas, both directly and indirectly, to sign up to support the position statement, and to encourage their suppliers, customers, competitors and trade bodies to sign.





Mr Tanqueray explained that the next UN Intergovernmental Conference on Marine Biodiversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction would be taking place in August 2022, which was potentially the last meeting. The treaty has been under negotiation for 15 years. The joint position is the first time that seafood businesses take a position on the matter. Therefore, the joint position could be quite powerful and make a difference for the protection of life in the High Seas.

The <u>Chair</u> encouraged members to provide their views in relation to the appropriate procedure to address the topic.

<u>Daniel Voces (Europêche)</u> signalled his interest in discussing the content of the joint statement, adding that he would wait for the discussions at the Working Group's level.

<u>Bruno Guillaumie (EMPA)</u> agreed that it would be relevant to discuss at Working Group's level. Mr Guillaumie encouraged ClientEarth to present their work to the Aquaculture Advisory Council. Quality, health and ecological status of the oceans is essential for aquaculture production.

The <u>Chair</u> suggested the inclusion of an agenda item under the next Working Group 3 meeting, which would allow a comprehensive discussion on the content and way forward. ClientEarth could also inform members about the results of the upcoming Intergovernmental Conference.

<u>Oliver Tanqueray (ClientEarth)</u> encouraged individual members to consider signing up to the joint statement before the meeting of the Intergovernmental Conference in August 2022.

AOB

• Draft advice on Maximum Sulphites Levels for Crustaceans

<u>Pierre Commère (ADEPALE)</u> informed that he had exchanged with Christine Absil (Good Fish) on the pending drafting issues. Mr Commère suggested moving forward with a written procedure for the adoption of the draft advice by the Executive Committee.

The <u>Secretary General</u> recalled that Working Group 3 had considered a draft advice on maximum sulphites levels for crustaceans. There was generally agreement on the text presented by Mr Commère at the working Group 3 meeting, but members had agreed that additional wording was needed on the consumer perspective. Informal discussions took place between Mr Commère and Ms Absil on this working. The Secretary General proposed to move ahead with the written procedure. If the wording agreed by Mr Commère and Ms Absil substantially changed the text, there would be a consultation of Working Group 3. If that was not the case, the draft would be sent directly to the Executive Committee for adoption.

• Draft letter requesting information, per Member State, on volume of catch certificates

The <u>Secretary General</u> recalled that, at the 23 May 2022 Working Group 2 meeting, it was agreed, as an action point, that draft letter to the Commission would be drafted requesting data on the quantity





of catch certificates verified and rejected due to IUU reasons. The Secretary General provided an overview of the draft letter.

The <u>Chair</u> proposed the adoption of the draft letter to the members.

The Executive Committee approved the letter to the Commission requesting for information, per Member State, on volume of catch certificates.

Summary of action points

- Work Programme of Year 7 (2022-2023)
 - Secretariat to prepare document, to be published in the Member's Area, summarising the status of implementation of the Work Programme.
 - Amended draft Work Programme to be formally submitted to DG MARE and put forward for approval by the General Assembly. If, prior to that, there are substantial preliminary comments from MARE A4, draft to be recirculated to the Executive Committee.
 - Draft budget to be formally submitted to DG MARE and put forward for approval by the General Assembly.
 - Secretariat to encourage Member States to provide financial contributions of € 3.000.
- European Green Deal & Farm to Fork Strategy
 - Background paper to be published on the Members' Area and continuously updated.
- Inter-ACs Brexit Forum:
 - Secretariat to check with other AC Secretariats and with DG MARE on the preferred way to address the confidentiality of meeting reports.
- Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ):
 - Agenda item to be scheduled under the draft agenda of the next Working Group 3 meeting, including update on the upcoming UN intergovernmental Conference.
- <u>AOB</u>:
 - Concerning the draft advice on Maximum Levels of Sulphites for Crustaceans, Secretariat to proceed with the written procedure.
 - Concerning the approved letter requesting information, per Member State, on volume of catch certificates, Secretariat to send the letter to DG MARE





Attendance List

Representative	Organisation	Role
Alexandra Philippe	Market Advisory Council (MAC)	Secretariat
Anne-France Mattlet	Europêche	Member
Benoît Thomassen	Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)	Member
Bruno Guillaumie	European Molluscs Producers Association (EMPA)	Member
Catherine Pons	Federation of European Aquaculture Producers (FEAP)	Member
Christine Absil	Good Fish	Member
Daniel Voces	Europêche	Member
Emiel Brouckaert	European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO)	Member
Felicidad Fernández	ANFACO-CECOPESCA	Member
Daniel Weber	European Fishmeal	Member
Guus Pastoor	EU Fish Processors and Traders Association (AIPCE)	Chair
Jaroslaw Zieliński	Polish Fish Producers Association (PFPA)	Observer
Jennifer Reeves	Marine Stewardship Council	Member
Josefa Reyes Ojeda	Canary Islands	Observer
Massimo Bellavista	COPA COGECA	Member
Noémie Jegou	Market Advisory Council (MAC)	Secretariat
Oliver Tanqueray	ClientEarth	Member
Panos Manias	Market Advisory Council (MAC)	Secretariat
Paul Thomas	European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO)	Member
Pedro Reis Santos	Market Advisory Council (MAC)	Secretariat
Pierre Commère	EU Fish Processors and Traders Association (AIPCE)	Member
Pim Visser	VisNed	Member
Quentin Marchais	ClientEarth	Member
Rosalie Tukker	Europêche	Member
Sean O'Donoghue	European Association of Fish Producers Organisations (EAPO)	Member





Representative	Organisation	Role
Yobana Bermúdez	CONXEMAR	Member

