



WORKING GROUP 1 – EU PRODUCTION

Julien Lamothe

Chair

Zoom

Wednesday, 3 April 2024

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 09:30 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe
- 09:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (31.01.24)
- 09:40 Action points of the last meeting
- 09:45 Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products
- 10:30 Fishers of the Future
- 11:00 **Break**
- 11:15 Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture
- 12:00 Social Data in Fisheries
- 12:30 European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund (EMFAF)
- 12:50 AOB
- 12:55 Summary of actions points
- 13:00 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (31 JANUARY 2024)

Fishers of the Future:

- At the next meeting, schedule an exchange of views concerning the survey prepared by the Commission's contractor
- Exchange of views among the members scheduled, as there is lack of capacity from the Commission's contractor to participate in all Advisory Councils

Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products:

- Secretariat to invite the Chair of the STECF Expert Working Group for a presentation and exchange of views at the next meeting
- Agenda item scheduled (09:45 CET)

ACTION POINTS (31 JANUARY 2024)

European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA):

- Draft advice on 2024 suggestions for the next work programme to be recirculated via written procedure to gather new suggestions, which will be considered at the next meeting
 - Draft advice recirculated to WG1: 8 – 23 February 2024
 - Consideration of the draft advice to be scheduled for June 2024 meeting

Marine Action Plan:

- Following the integration of the feedback received, draft advice to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential approval via a one-week urgent written procedure
 - Advice adopted by the Executive Committee: 6 March 2024

ACTION POINTS (31 JANUARY 2024)

Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture :

- Draft advice to be recirculated via written procedure to gather additional inputs, including examples from the aquaculture sector, to be considered at the next meeting
- Draft advice recirculated to WG1: 9 – 26 February 2024
- Agenda item scheduled (11:45)

Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF):

- Agreed draft advice on the Terms of Reference of the 2024 edition of the Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet to be put forward to the Executive Committee for consideration and potential adoption
- Advice adopted by the Executive Committee: 31 January 2024

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA FOR FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS

➤ Presentation on validation of selected sustainability indicators and underlying methodologies

▪ Fabio Grati (STECF EWG Chair)

- Task 1: Assess and validate the data gathered and the pilot tool developed by the ad-hoc expert team
- Task 2: Assess the approach proposed for a grading of the impact on sensitive species

➤ Exchange of views

➤ Way forward

- Drafting of advice?
- Commitment under Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024)

FISHERS OF THE FUTURE

➤ Exchange of views about the survey on challenges and drivers, profiles of today's fishers, and scenario planning workshops

▪ Survey on challenges and drivers (7 – 20 February 2024)

- Predatory species, marine resource scarcity, ecosystem condition, climate change
- Interactions & conflicts with other coastal users, new governing systems, rethinking trust in institutions, overdevelopment
- Inflation, pressure on the middle class, changing market demand & consumption patterns, vessel costs, alternative income opportunities & recruitment challenges
- Rising significance of migration, maritime security, expanding influence of East & South, geopolitical conflicts, relations with neighbouring countries
- Lack of infrastructure, automation & use of AI, quality of scientific data, technological change
- Continuing urbanisation, fisher demographics, changing nature of work, entrenched inequalities, growing mental health pressures

FISHERS OF THE FUTURE

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▪ Profiles of today's fishers

- #1 The devoted fisher
- #2 The pendulum fisher
- #3 The mould-breaking fisher
- #4 The proud foot fisher
- #5 The peripheral fisher
- #6 The innovative Fisher 2.0
- #7 The itinerant crew fisher
- #8 The opportunistic fisher
- #9 The corporate fisher
- #10 The disillusioned fisher
- #11 The adaptive fisher
- #12 The optimistic young new entrant

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▪ Open Participatory Event (19 March 2024)

- Fishers' current and future identity and roles in society
- Factors and trends influencing the long-term sustainability and profitability of the fishing sector and fishing communities' well-being
- Challenges and opportunities resulting from interactions between fishers and other maritime actors

▪ Scenario Planning Workshops

- First Workshop (19 March 2024): Define key uncertainties that will frame the future scenarios to 2050
- Second Workshop (26 March 2024): Explore the key drivers and decide on a final set
- Third Workshop (4 April 2024): Presentation of draft narratives of the scenarios and enriching the narratives to 2050

BREAK

➤ **BACK AT 11:15**

ENERGY TRANSITION IN EU FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

- **Consideration of draft advice on energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture**
 - Substantive feedback from Oceana
 - Informal exchanges: Oceana, EAPO, EuroCommerce, ClientEarth

- **Way forward**

SOCIAL DATA IN FISHERIES

- **Consideration of draft advice on the development of social indicators and a vademecum on the allocation of fishing opportunities**
 - **DG MARE Letter & Questionnaires (14 February – 15 April 2024)**
 - Questionnaire 1) on Priorities in Policy Areas:
 - State-of-play, assessment of management measures, dependency, mobility, immaterial value, generational renewal, engagement & compliance
 - Questionnaire 2) on Vademecum on Article 17 (Allocation of Fishing Opportunities)
 - Replies received: ANOP

➤ Way forward

EUROPEAN MARITIME FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE FUND

➤ Consideration of draft advice on the mid-term evaluation of the fund

▪ DG MARE' consultant's survey to ACs (7 March – 15 April 2024)

- Changes/improvements, delivery system, simplification measures, financial instruments, flexibility, implementation to date, efficiency, coherence, EU added value
- Replies received: APROMAR, Conxemar

➤ Way forward

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

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