



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Yobana Bermúdez

Chair

Copa Cogeca (Meeting Room A), Rue de Trèves 61, 1040 Brussels

Wednesday, 5 June 2024

AGENDA (CET TIME ZONE)

- 13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez
- 13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (03.04.24)
- 13:40 Action Points
- 13:45 EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products Policy
- 14:15 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
- 14:45 Competitiveness of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector
- 15:15 Working Groups
- 15:30 Membership of the General Assembly
- 15:45 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination
- 16:00 European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA)
- 16:05 Press Interviews and Opinion Articles
- 15:50 AOB
- 15:55 Summary of actions points

16:00 End of the meeting

ACTION POINTS (3 APRIL 2024)

Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO):

- Secretary General to follow-up with FAO in writing to the questions raised by members concerning the “Blue Transformation” roadmap
 - Written questions sent: 6 May 2024

Working Groups:

- Draft advice on “energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture” to be put forward for consideration and potential approval via an urgent written procedure
 - Approval via urgent written procedure: 29 April 2024

ACTION POINTS (3 APRIL 2024)

Membership of the General Assembly:

- Secretary General to continue the efforts on the representativeness of the membership
- Introductory presentation of AECOC to be scheduled for a future meeting
 - Efforts on representativeness are ongoing
 - Introductory presentation of AECOC to be scheduled for 3 July 2024 meeting

European Maritime Day:

- Secretary General to engage with DG MARE to better reflect the areas of activity of the MAC in the title of the joint workshop
- Title of the joint workshop updated: "EU Advisory Councils: Stakeholder engagement in policymaking for sustainable fisheries & aquaculture production and value chains"

EU MARKET OF FISHERY AND AQUACULTURE PRODUCTS POLICY

- **Keynote speech on policy priorities**
 - **Sven Langedijk (MARE A4)**

- **Exchange of views**

FOOD AND AGRICULTURE ORGANISATION (FAO)

➤ Presentation on the EU's mandate for the 36th Session of the Committee on Fisheries (8-12 July 2024)

▪ Marc Richir (MARE B1)

- State of world fisheries and aquaculture
- Decisions and recommendations of the Nineteenth Session of the COFI Sub-Committee on Fish Trade
- The role of fisheries and aquaculture in food security and nutrition

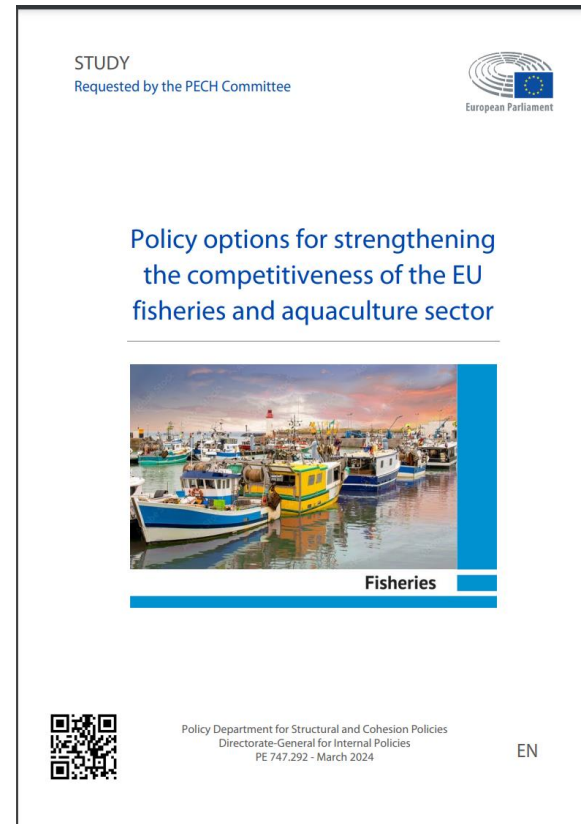
➤ Exchange of views

- Collaboration with DG MARE on the preparation of the EU's position?
- Participation as observer at the session?

COMPETITIVENESS OF THE EU FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE SECTOR

- Presentation of the European Parliament Policy Department B's study on policy options for strengthening the competitiveness of the sector
 - Martin Aranda (AZTI)

- Exchange of views



WORKING GROUPS

➤ Working Group 1

- Julien Lamothe

➤ Working Group 2

- Pierre Commère

➤ Working Group 3

- Benoît Thomassen

MEMBERSHIP OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

➤ Presentation of the most recent members:

- Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)
- European Salmon Smokers Association (ESSA)

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Workshop on Financing the Marine Action Plan (12 April 2024)

▪ Christine Absil (OIG Vice-Chair), Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- EMFAF, Horizon Europe, Mission Ocean, LIFE Programme, European Investment Bank, INTERREG

➤ Workshop on rebuilding the European eel stock and sustainability of sectors: silver eel capture and release (24 April 2024)

▪ Julien Lamothe (Industry Vice Chair & WG1 Chair)

- Management, science and practitioners
- Mitigating the impact of hydropower on silver eel escapement
- Engaging Stakeholders for the Conservation of European Eel
- Projects in a cooperation with the hydropower energy companies
- EU Biodiversity Strategy and Restoration Law
- EMFF and EMFAF funding

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Secretariats' coordination meeting with DG MARE (7 May 2024)

▪ **Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)**

- Evaluation of the CFP Regulation
 - Planning of work and involvement of the ACs
- Social dimension of fisheries
 - Fishers of the Future project
 - Transposition of the STCW-F Convention
 - Next steps following the consultation on social indicators and Article 17
- Planning and brainstorming on the format of Inter-AC meetings

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ Inter-AC Brexit Meeting (17 May 2024)

▪ Julien Lamothe (Industry Vice Chair & WG1 Chair)

- DG MARE Update from Specialised Committee for Fisheries and related Working Groups
Social dimension of fisheries
- DG MARE reaction to AC-related issues
 - UK MPAs and Commission's legal services role in analysing and addressing discrimination, disproportionality and scientific underpinning of the 13 MPAs established by the UK
 - UK consultation process and the time given by the UK before the changes come into effect
 - Consultation procedure under the TCA Dispute Settlement for Sandeel fishery ban
 - Review of 'footnotes and flexibilities'
 - Post-2026 TCA considerations
- Review of horizontal topics

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ European Maritime Day (30 & 31 May 2024)

▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

▪ Opening session

▪ Commissioner Sinkevičius

- Obstacles faced: Brexit, COVID-19, Russian's war against Ukraine)
- Achievements: new approach to sustainable Blue Economy, EU Algae Initiative, EU Mission Ocean, Energy Transition Partnership, revised Fisheries Control Regulation, launch of full evaluation of CFP, communication on EU ocean governance, Arctic policy, EU's leadership on the treaty to protect biodiversity in the high seas, EU pledge to ocean protection, revision of the EU maritime security strategy.

▪ Director-General Vitcheva

- DG MARE must wait for EU elections, while preparing
- Energy Transition Partnership (guide in development, pilot project, roadmap), EU digital twin of the ocean, inter-regional partnerships, strengthening collaboration on offshore renewable energy, European Blue Forum
- Climate action, ocean restoration, blue economy circular & regenerative, competitiveness

▪ Mayor of Svendborg Bo Hansen

INTER-ADVISORY COUNCIL'S COORDINATION

➤ European Maritime Day (30 & 31 May 2024)

▪ Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

- Joint ACs Workshop – “EU Advisory Councils: Stakeholder engagement in policymaking for sustainable fisheries & aquaculture production and value chains”
 - 110 registered participants
 - Panel on stakeholder engagement, audience groups, conclusion
 - AI Generated “dummy advice”
- EUMOFA Workshop
 - “Marketing of alien, invasive and low value species”



EUROPEAN FISHERIES CONTROL AGENCY

➤ Reporting back on Advisory Board meeting (23 April 2024)

▪ Daniel Voces (Europêche)

- Introduction and state of play:
 - ACs: state of play
- EFCA's Annual Report 2023
- EFCA's Single Programming Documents (SPD): Draft SPD 2025
- Rotation of the Advisory Board representative in the EFCA Administrative Board

PRESS INTERVIEWS AND OPINION ARTICLES

- **Exchange of views about the appropriate procedure for press interviews and opinion articles on behalf of the MAC**
 - Request from ANFACO-CECOPESCA
 - Established practice: Not required to consult the Executive Committee, if the declarations made were in line with positions previously adopted by the MAC.

AOB, ACTION POINTS, END OF MEETING

➤ **AOB**

- EAPO: Exchange of views on the scope of advice

➤ **Summary of action points**

➤ **End of meeting**