

Working Group 1: EU Production

Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 17 September 2024 (14:30 – 18:00 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

14:30 Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe

14:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (04.06.24)

14:40 Action points

- State-of-play of the action points of the last meeting - information

14:45 Fishers of the Future

- Exchange of views on the consultant's draft profiles of fishers for 2050
- Way forward

15:15 Landing Obligation

- Consideration of draft advice on the study supporting the evaluation of the Landing Obligation
- Way forward

16:00 Break

16:15 Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Continuation of consideration of draft advice on the development of fishery sustainability indicators by STECF
- Way forward

17:15 Producer Organisations

- Consideration of draft Terms of Reference for workshop on operational good practices, projects, and management measures
- Way forward

17:50 AOB

17:55 Summary of action items

18:00 End of meeting



Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information + Decision	Fishers of the Future	<p>On 21 November 2023, the European Commission launched an EU-wide participatory project to examine the future role of fishers in society up to 2050. The project was presented at the 31 January 2024 meeting. The Commission’s consultants prepared a survey and “12 profiles of today’s fishers” for feedback from stakeholders. The consultants held a participatory event on 19 March 2024, and invited the Secretary General to attend several scenario planning workshops on 19 March, 26 March, 4 April 2024. From 16 to 18 September 2024, the consultants will be meeting with the Advisory Councils to exchange on the “fishers’ profiles”. The consultants agreed to meet with representatives of the MAC on 20 September 2024.</p>	<p>Exchange of views to collect feedback on the “fisher’s profiles” prepared by the external consultants. Decision on the representatives (up to five) to participate in the exchange with the consultants on 20 September 2024.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - News Announcement - Presentation - Survey - 12 Profiles - Event
Consideration	Landing Obligation	<p>In early 2024, the European Commission commissioned a study to support the evaluation of the landing obligation. The final report is due to be submitted in January 2025. Stakeholders will be consulted, via e-surveys and interviews, in the second and third quarter of 2024. The Advisory Councils will be consulted via a written questionnaire. In the past, the MAC provided advice on the annual report on the implementation of the landing obligation. Under the Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024), the MAC committed to again provide advice on the implementation. At the 4 June 2024 meeting, it was agreed, as an action item, that the Secretariat would circulate a questionnaire to the</p>	<p>Consideration of draft advice on the study supporting the evaluation of the landing obligation.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

		members, to serve as basis for draft advice to be considered at the next meeting. The questionnaire was circulated from 18 June to 2 July 2024.		
Consideration	Sustainability Criteria	In 2018, the European Commission launched an evaluation of the marketing standards framework for fishery and aquaculture products. An inception impact assessment identified shortcomings in the objective to enable the market to be supplied with sustainable products. In April 2021, STECF published a report on criteria and indicators to incorporate sustainability aspects, which includes the recommendation of a scoring system. In 2023, the MAC expressed the view that the Sustainable Food System Framework would be the most appropriate policy option for the incorporation of the measurement and communication on environmental and social sustainability. Even though the Sustainability Food System Framework's labelling system is currently on hold, STECF continued to work on three fisheries-specific indicators (impact on seabed, impact on targeted stocks, impact on sensitive species). In December 2023, an Expert Working Group worked on the last two mentioned indicators. The report was presented at the 3 April 2024 meeting. At the 4 June 2024 meeting, draft advice on the development of sustainability indicators was considered. It was agreed, as an action item, that the Secretariat would revise the draft advice and recirculate.	Continuation of consideration of draft advice on the development of fishery sustainability indicators by STECF.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - STECF Report - Presentation - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)
Consideration	Producer Organisations	On 3 February 2023, the MAC adopted advice on awareness on the role of Producer Organisations. Under the advice, the MAC committed to organise a	Consideration of draft Terms of Reference for workshop on operational good practices,	- Advice

		workshop, during Autumn 2024, for EU Producer Organisations to share operational good practices, projects managed, and management measures. The workshop has been included in the planning of the work programme of year 9 (2024-2025).	projects, and management measures	- Draft Terms of Reference (Via Email / Members Area)
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