

## **Minutes of the Pelagic RAC Executive Committee meeting on 13 July 2010 at Het West-Indisch Huis (Conference centre), Amsterdam, NL**

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### 1. Opening of the ExCom meeting

The chairman, Iain MacSween, opened the meeting at 17:30.

### 2. Approval of the agenda

Because of the short time available still, the chairman proposed to only deal with the most pressing agenda items and postpone the rest until the next meeting. He proposed to give the floor to ... for the presentation about MPAs in the UK and to the secretariat for budgetary issues only. The meeting agreed.

### 3. UK plans for developing a network of Marine Protected Areas

The chairman gave the floor to a representative from the UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee to give a presentation about the UK process to designate a number of protected areas. These were in addition to the Natura 2000 areas. These areas would not necessarily be closed for all types of fisheries. The JNCC was now seeking stakeholder input, mostly on spatial information on important fishing areas. The deadline for this was the end of October. After that, the proposed management measures for the areas would be submitted to the Commission in order to be implemented. There would likely not be another opportunity for stakeholder input then. The JNCC had a website where people could provide their input, but meetings would be held as well. The chairman proposed that the secretariat would distribute the information about the websites and perhaps also would attend the meetings in order to track the process. The meeting agreed.

### 4. Administrative matters

The chairman gave the floor to the secretariat to present a draft work programme and budget for the Pelagic RAC's next operational year 2010-2011. Both had been sent to the members as an annex in advance to the meeting. The secretariat gave a short presentation to provide a general explanation and give the opportunity for questions. There were no questions. The chairman suggested that the meeting approved of both draft documents and gave the secretariat a mandate to finalise the Grant Agreement with the Commission based on these. The meeting agreed.

### 5. A.O.B.

There were no other business.

### 6. End of ExCom meeting

The chairman thanked the participants and the interpreters and closed the meeting at 18:00.