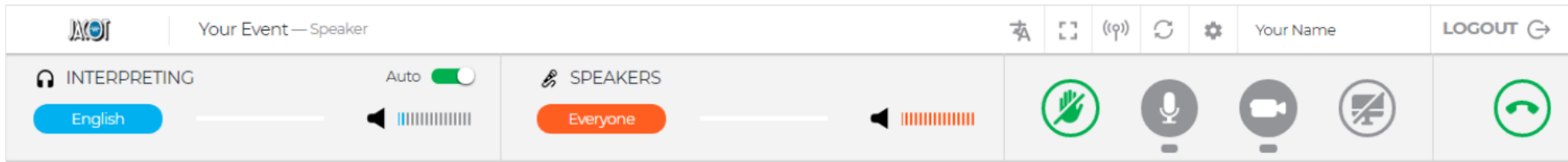


Executive Committee meeting

10 July 2020, Online

Main instructions



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Agenda

- 10:00 Opening of the meeting by the chairman, Jesper Raakjær
- 10:05 Adoption of the agenda
- 10:10 Follow-up on action items
- 10:20 Work program and budget 2020-2021 (information, decision)
- 10:40 Proposal amendments PELAC rules of procedure (information, decision)
- 10:50 General elections in October 2020 (information)
- 10:55 Brexit & PELAC functioning in 2021 (discussion)
- 11:20 Break
- 11:30 Commission consultation on fishing opportunities (information)
- 12:00 Advice from Working Group I (decision)
- 12:10 Advice from Working Group II (decision)
- 12:20 AOB



Action items

- Keep PELAC request for funding under EMFF on the agenda as a continuous action item (chairman, secretariat) – *ongoing*
- Ecosystem working group to explore climate change as a key theme for work in 2020 – *carried forward* (Gonçalo Carvalho, secretariat) – *ongoing*
- Check which ICES expert groups cover the different PELAC horse mackerel stocks (secretariat) ✓
- Develop a template document for the collection of stakeholder information in ICES advice, with input from the PO's, to structure the new ICES procedure (Management Team) – *in progress*



Action items

- Circulate MIACO action items to PELAC members (Secretariat) ✓
- Send co-letter with BSAC to the Commission regarding Western Baltic spring spawning herring, asking to check with ICES to what extent the development of a rebuilding plan would be taken into consideration as long as there is no EU-Norway agreement for this stock (Secretariat, chairman) ✓
- Send a letter asking the Commission to clarify the basis of the TAC deductions for North Sea and Western horse mackerel (Secretariat, chairman) ✓



Action items

- Draft recommendations for revision of the pelagic discard plans, based on previously agreed recommendations and three new ones, and send to the three regional groups and the Commission (Secretariat, chairman) ✓
- Share PELAC recommendations on fishing capacity with the Social Dialogue (Secretariat) ✓ support letter sent March 2020
- Circulate NWWAC letter from the Commission, clarifying the unchanged status of UK members in ACs until the end of the transition period, to ExCom members (Secretariat) ✓
- Invite Fabrizio Donatella to October PELAC meeting for update on EU/Norway and Coastal States negotiations (Secretariat) ✓



Work program 2020-2021

- **Implementation of the landing obligation**

- Monitor choke situations under the LO, provide recommendations using choke mitigation tool
- Monitor effectiveness of new discard plans and developments that might warrant any amendments
- Continue collaboration with EFCA, Member State groups and other ACs

- **Control focus group**

- Continue to provide advice based on the 2019 agreed recommendations
- Reconvene Focus Group September 2020
- Follow-up with DG Mare & EFCA on gramme size recommendation



Work program 2020-2021

- **Multi-annual management strategies**

- Continue development of multi-annual management strategies
- Special focus on VIa/VIIbc herring, Western horse mackerel, North Sea horse mackerel, blue whiting and Southern horse mackerel

- **TACs and other short-term management measures**

- Yearly TAC advice for all stocks
- Where appropriate advice on other legislation



Work program 2020-2021

- **Ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management**

- Reconvene Ecosystem focus group issue-by-issue basis
- TOR updated
- Priorities: collaboration NWWAC on ICES request for impacts of seismic surveys/wind farms on stocks in NWW region, climate change, plastics & circular gear, cetacean bycatch, Farm to Fork strategy

- **Regionalization**

- Continue to establish well-functional working relationship with regional groups
- Continue dividing resources within MT to ensure PELAC participation in regional group meetings



Work program 2020-2021

- **Future functioning of ACs**

- Continue collaboration with other ACs in light of Brexit
- Impacts Brexit PELAC functioning 2021 onwards

- **Fisheries Science and other collaboration**

- Continue collaboration with ICES and national research institutes
- Participation in ICES workshops and ADGs
- Participation in MIAC and MIACO meetings in 2021



Provisional planning 2020-2021

Meeting	Date	Place	Main topics
GA/ExCom/WGs	7-8 October 2020	Netherlands (tbc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Final report 2019-2020• ICES advice on widely distributed stocks• TACs for 2021• Multiannual management strategies• State of play CS/EU-Norway negotiations
ExCom/WGs/FGs	February 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation of 2020• Horizontal issues• Multiannual management strategies
ExCom/WGs/FGs	April 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Horizontal issues• Multiannual management strategies
ExCom/WGs/FGs	July 2021	To be determined	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICES advice on North Sea and Celtic Sea pelagic stocks• TACs for 2022• Multiannual management strategies• Horizontal issues• Work program 2021-2022

Budget 2020-2021

	2019/2020 Budgeted	2020/21 Budgeted
A: Staff	150.500	154.800
B: Participation in meetings	81.500	80.100
C: Preparation of meetings	18.000	23.799
D: Operation costs	15.000	16.686
E: Interpretation	37.595	35.804
F: Other contracts	35.500	34.498
G: Reserve	16.905	15.363
H: Deficit	0	0
TOTAL	355.000	361.050



Budget 2020-2021

Missing contributions members (that signed commitment):

- Association Nationale des Organisations de Producteurs (ANOP)
- Irish South & West Fish Producers Organisation Ltd.
- North Atlantic Producers Organisation (NAPO)
- Sciaena - Marine Sciences and Cooperation Association
- FECOPESCO

Member States that paid:

- France, Poland, Sweden

Member States that signed commitment:

- Germany, the Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland & Spain



Budget 2020-2021

Membership cancelations as of 2020-2021

- Dutch Elasmobranch Society
- Anglo-North Irish FPO (ANIFPO)
- Atlantic Salmon Trust
- National Federation of Fishermen's Organisations
- Scottish Fishermen's Federation
- Scottish Fishermen's Organisation Ltd
- Scottish Pelagic Fishermen's Association (SPFA)



Budget 2020-2021

New member as of 2020-2021:

- Asociación de Armadores de Cerco de Galicia (ACERGA) (GA and WG II member)
- FECOPESCA (GA, WG I and WG II member)
- Fishermen's Association of Punta Umbría (GA, WG I and WG II member)



Proposal amendments Rules of Procedure

Draft amendments circulated for adoption:

- Applications for the 60 and 40 categories
- Extension of the mandate of appointed General Assembly chairman
- Minor terminology updates



Proposal amendments Rules of Procedure

4.4 Chairman

Proposed addition: The mandate of an appointed (General Assembly/Executive Committee) Chairman may be extended by one additional year if circumstances (*of force majeure*) so require. The Pelagic AC Management Team will decide on the circumstances warranting an extension and will make a proposal for approval by the General Assembly.



Proposal amendments Rules of Procedure

6.1 Membership

General Assembly

Proposed addition: Members of the General Assembly should be appointed to one of the two categories (“sector organisations” or “other interest groups”) defined by the relevant regulation (Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2017/1575). When appointment is not straightforward, the General Assembly members shall decide on the correct categorisation based on objective and verifiable criteria, such as the provisions of the statutes, the list of the members and the nature of the activities of the organisation concerned. No member can be appointed to both the “sector organisations” and the “other interest groups” categories.



General elections October 2020

If you want to join the ExCom:

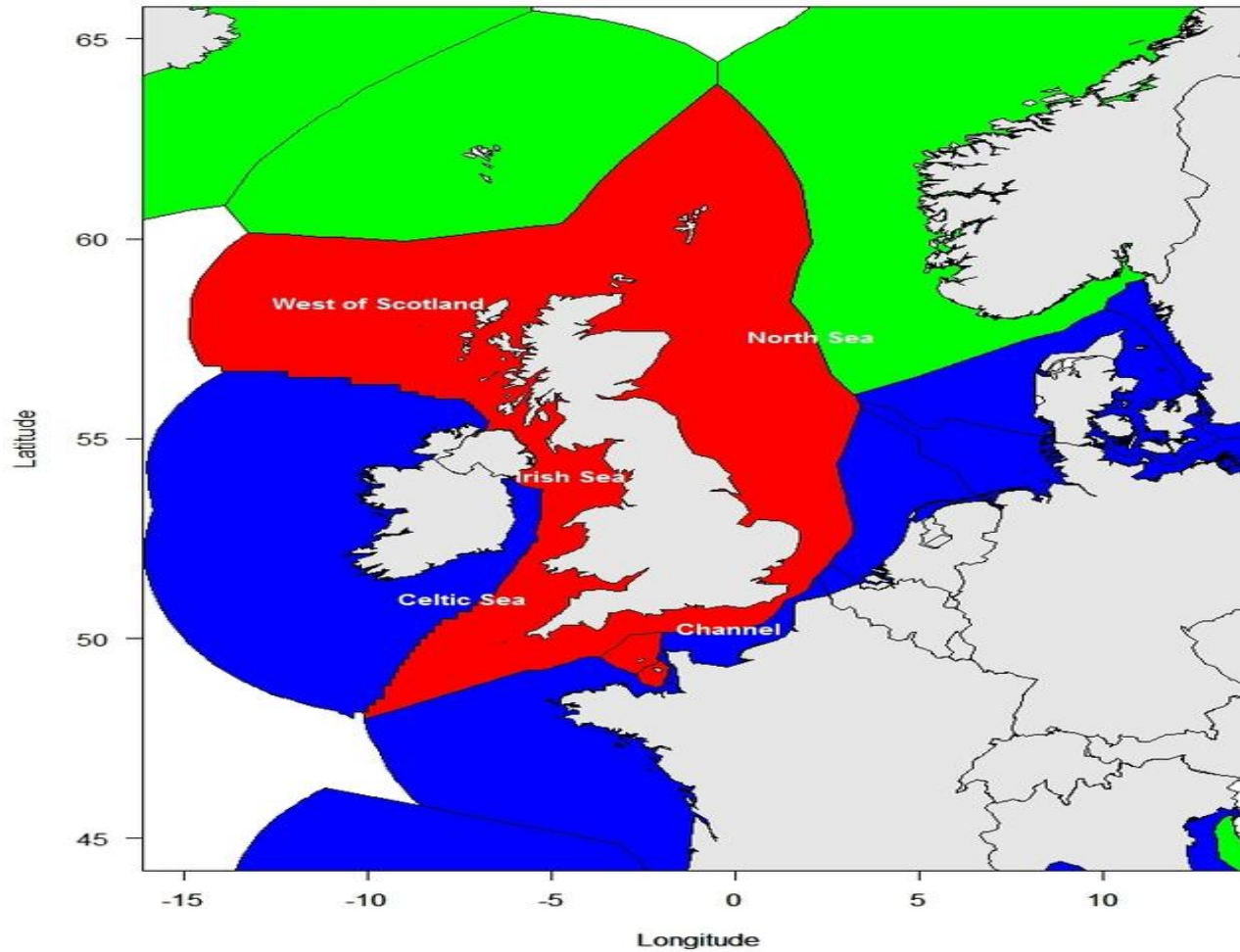
- Submit a motivation letter to the secretariat

If you are interested in chairing the General Assembly/ExCom or one of the Working Groups:

- Submit a motivation letter and CV to the secretariat



Brexit & PELAC functioning 2021



Brexit & PELAC functioning 2021

Importance UK membership

- 11 of the 12 stocks under PELAC remit are shared with the UK
- Without UK membership, the PELAC loses a large area of its remit and some of its most important stakeholders
- Much of the PELAC work (multiannual plans, scientific projects etc) may become irrelevant

Retaining Involvement of UK stakeholders & government after Brexit is key.



Brexit: Challenges & Opportunities PELAC

- Collaboration Regional Groups: how will Brexit change their role?
- Influence may be significantly reduced: UK becomes yet another Coastal State to negotiate fishing opportunities with
- Safeguarding long term management strategies as a collaborative strategy beneficial to all parties
- Expand remit to other pelagic stocks (North Sea, the South...)
- Adapting structure to improve uptake of advice



Possible Future models PELAC

- Options to expand stakeholder forum to supra-regional level including third country stakeholders

Pelagic Forum	Reshaping Working groups	NEAFC- AC
Keep current PELAC structure and create umbrella organisation with non-EU stakeholders which meets 2-3 times a year to discuss scientific research and shared pelagic stocks	Redefine/restructure existing PELAC working groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Some WGs deal with particular stocks to develop shared management strategies, open to all countries- Other WGs deal with EU policies or non-shared stocks, exclusively open to EU stakeholders	Advisory Council comprising all coastal states for most important widely distributed stocks: Eg. NEA mackerel, NS herring, Atl-Sc herring, blue whiting



COM consultation on fishing opportunities 2021

- Presentation by Evelien Ranshuysen – DG Mare



Advice from Working Group I

- Divert TAC recommendations to 2020 October meeting
- Co-sign NWWAC advice on Single Use Plastics Directive



Advice from Working Group II

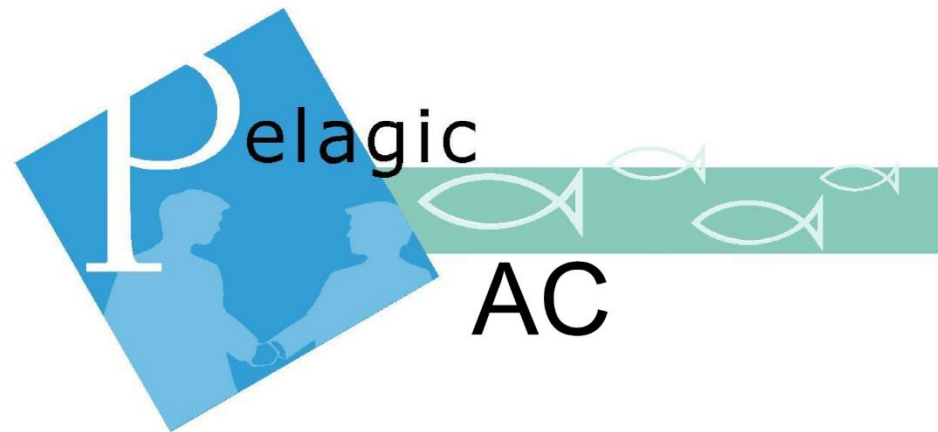
- Divert TAC recommendations to 2020 October meeting
- Expedite fast (1 week) written procedure for approval Western horse mackerel rebuilding plan
 - Online Working Group II planned for 20 July
 - ExCom written procedure 21 to 27 July



AOB



Thank you and have a good summer!



Executive Committee, 10 July 2020

