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North Western Waters Advisory Council – Pelagic Advisory Council 20-year Anniversary Event

14 March 2024 | Dublin Castle, Ireland



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PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, 14 MARCH

- 14:00-14:15** Arrival & Welcome by the Moderator *Karen Coleman*
- 14:15-14:30** Welcome from the AC Chairs *Emiel Brouckaert and Sean O'Donoghue*
- 14:30-14:35** Video address by the Commissioner for Environment, Oceans and Fisheries *Virginijus Sinkevičius*
- 14:35-14:45** Keynote address by Director-General *Charlina Vitcheva*
- 14:45-14:50** Video address by Minister *Charlie McConalogue T.D.*
- 14:50-15:00** Address by *Sinead McSherry*, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- 15:00-15:40** NWWAC: The beginnings by *Michael Keatinge*
PelAC: The beginnings by *Gerard van Balsfoort*
NWWAC: Greatest achievements by NWWAC OIG Vice-Chair *Alexandra Philippe*
PelAC: Greatest achievements by PelAC OIG Vice-Chair *Gonçalo Carvalho*
- 15:40-16:45** Podium Discussion – The future of EU fisheries and regionalisation in the Northeast Atlantic
Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General DG MARE
Patricia de Clercq, Belgian Presidency of the Fisheries Ministries Council
Eric Banel, French Presidency of the NWW Member States Group
Emiel Brouckaert, NWWAC Chair
Sean O'Donoghue, PelAC Chair

- 16:45-17:00** Closing remarks by the AC Chairs
Emiel Brouckaert and Sean O'Donoghue
- 17:00-18:30** Reception

FRIDAY, 15 MARCH

EFCA 'Ocean Protector' Visit, Dublin Port



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Welcome from the AC Chairs

Emiel Brouckaert and Sean O'Donoghue



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Video address by the Commissioner for Environment, Ocean and Fisheries *Virginijus Sinkevičius*



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Keynote address by DG MARE Director-General *Charlina Vitcheva*



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Video address by Department for Agriculture, Food and the Marine

Charlie McConalogue



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**Address by Assistant Secretary General,
Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**
Sinéad McSherry



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NWWAC: the beginnings

Michael Keatinge



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North-Western Waters the beginnings

30th September 2005

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 22 September 2005

declaring operational the Regional Advisory Council for the North-Western Waters
common fisheries policy

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General Assembly of the North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council

Friday September 30th
9.30am-3.30pm

Dublin Castle

Agenda

- | | |
|-------------|---|
| 8.45-9.30 | Registration |
| 9.30-11.00 | Morning Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adoption of Agenda• Welcome from the Secretariat• Nominations and Election of the Honorary President of the General Assembly• Welcoming Speech from the Minister of the Marine Pat the Cope Gallagher• Address by Minister Bradshaw, Parliamentary Under Secretary Department of Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, UK• Address by Emilio Mastracchio, Director of Resources and Relations with Stakeholders, DG for Fisheries and Maritime Affairs• Address by David Griffiths Secretary General of ICES |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee |
| 11.30 | Mid Morning Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nominations and Election of the Members of the Executive Committee.• Formal Adoption of Rules and Procedures• Formal Adoption of Budget• Secretariat presentation on proposed logo and website |
| 12.00 | Lunch |
| 2.00 | Afternoon Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Announcement of Executive Committee Members• Open Discussion on Timetable and Work Programme of the Executive Committee and Working Groups |
| 3.30 | Close of Meeting |



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Andre Le Berre



Ben Bradshaw



Pat the Cope Gallagher



John Casey



Miriam Garcia Ferrer



Neils Wickman



Welcome to
The Conference Centre
Dublin Castle

1. Welcome

Michael Keatinge of the Secretariat opened the meeting by welcoming all members of the North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council to the meeting. Mr Keatinge also welcomed the Minister for the Marine Pat the Cope Gallagher, Minister Ben Bradshaw, Emilio Mastracchio and Miriam Garcia Ferrer of the Commission, David Griffith general Secretary of ICES, John Casey of STECF and Niels Wichman of ACFA and thanked them for attending the meeting.

40 YEARS OF EU ENLARGEMENTS

WHO HAS JOINED

| | |
|------|-----|
| 1958 | |
| 1973 | |
| 1981 | |
| 1986 | |
| 1995 | |
| 2004 | THE |
| 2007 | |
| 2013 | |

DATE OF AC

COUNTRIES

- Czech
- Eston
- Cypru
- Latvia

ACCESSION

PROCEDURE

HOW DID EU LOOK?

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

United Nations Conference on Environment and Development - 'Earth Summit', Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 3-14 June 1992.

- **Agenda 21 sustainable development in the 21st century.**
- **Rio Declaration**
- **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)**
- **Convention on Biological Diversity**
- **Commission on Sustainable Development.**

SOURCES

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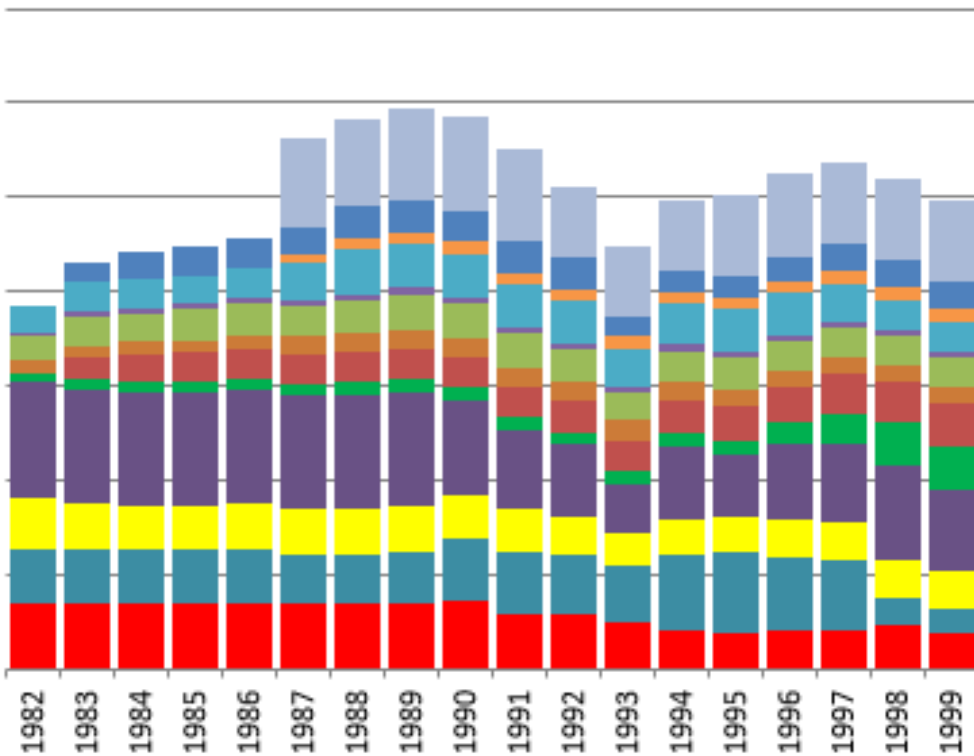
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- Cod VIIa
- Whiting VIIa
- Cod VI & VIIb-k
- Whiting VI & VIIb-k
- Haddock
- Megrims
- Hake
- Plaice
- Common Sole
- Saithe
- Pollack
- Monkfish
- Norway lobster

*'The verdict must be that the conservation policy of the Community to date must be adjudged a brilliant **political** success but a **conservation policy in name only**...*

The conservation policy is considered almost universally to have been a disastrous failure'

Mike Holden, 1994, Former head of the Conservation Unit, Fisheries Directorate (DG XIV).



Courtesy of IS & WFO



From left to right: Hugo Gonzalez - Spain, Sam Lambourn - U.K., Dr. Michael Woods Former Minister of Marine & Natural Resources, Ireland, Jason Whooley - I.S. & W.F.P.O., Barth Schultz - Belgium and Jean Pierre Plormel - France



Sustainable Fisheries Through Regional Management
Regionalising the Common Fisheries Policy

May 2000



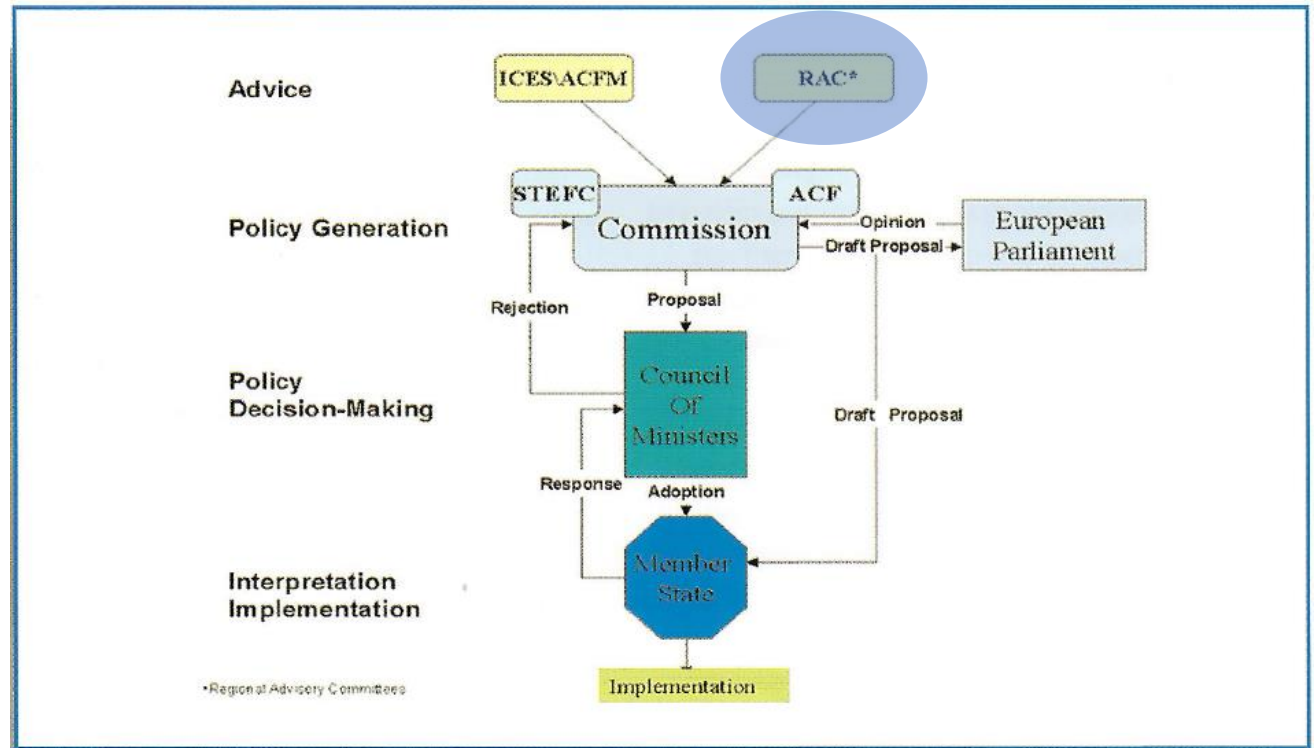
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Recommendations

Sustainable Fisheries Through Regional Management - Regionalising the Common Fisheries Policy

The National Strategy Review Group on the Common Fisheries Policy, realise that fish stocks are seriously depleted and that urgent action is needed to halt the stock decline. The group believe that the sustainability of fish stocks must be the primary objective in the 2002 review. Regional Management at conservation and control level is central to achieving the objectives. Therefore the group is putting forward the following proposals for implementing a Regionalisation regime.

Figure 3 Proposed Function of Committees



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Regional Advisory Committees

- Completely advisory in nature.
- Representatives of fishing industry with a stake in area.

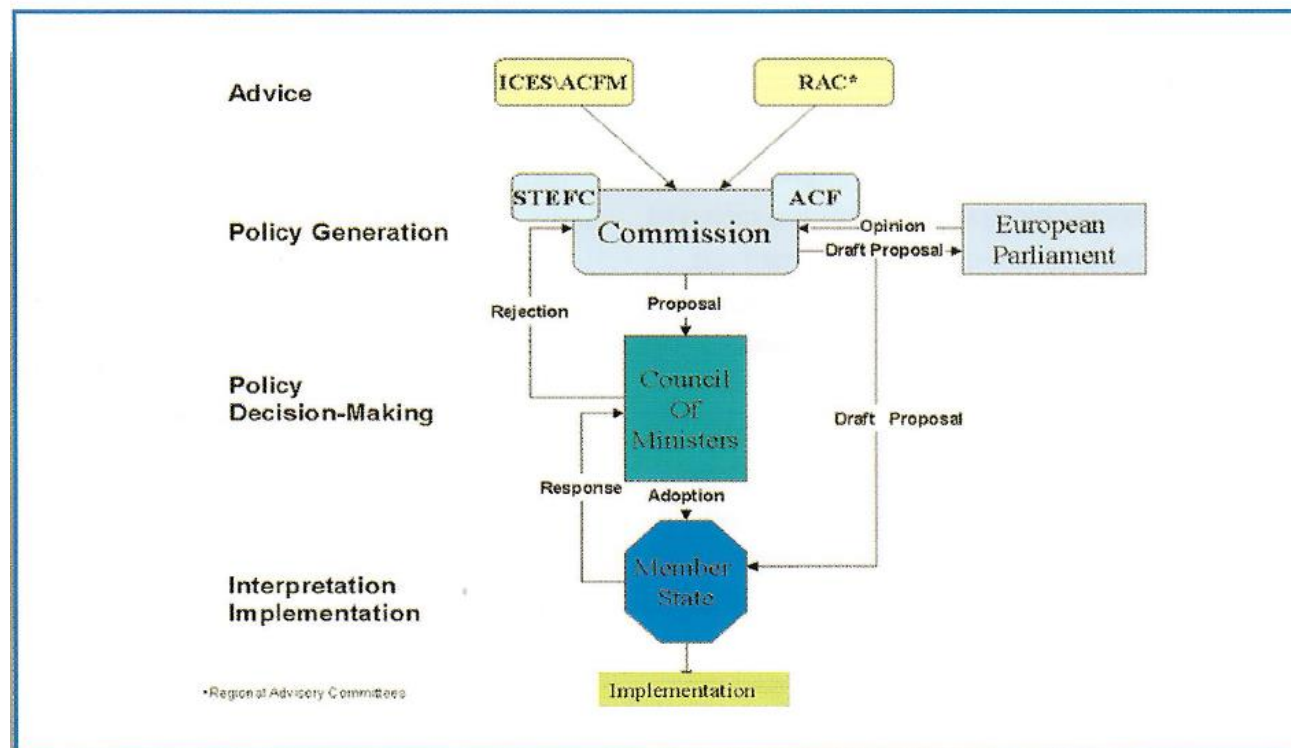
Objective

- Control and enforcement
- Conservation - TCMs.

Function

- Similar to ICES/ACFM - advise Commission & Council.

Figure 3 Proposed Function of Committees



NWWRAC Meeting Report from Working Group 2
November 2005



Minutes
North Western Waters Regional Advisory Council
(NWW RAC)

Working Group 2
Western Approaches and Celtic Sea (ICES VII except a,d&e)

Tuesday 8th of November 2005
9.30am-1.00pm

Rapporteur: Paul Trebilcock

Welcome, Introduction and Election of Officers

Mr. André leBerre, Honorary President of the NWW RAC, opened the meeting and welcomed all members. He wished them a fruitful meeting and handed over to Sam Lambourn Chairman of the NWW RAC to start the meeting.

With regards to membership of the Working Group 2 (WG2) it was noted that WG2 was now over subscribed and that it was the job of the Executive Committee to appoint the members of WG2s to a maximum of 25. It was further requested that if there are any nominees present who were prepared to attend as active observers rather than members that they should let the secretariat know as soon as possible.

Hugo Crisanto González García was elected by consensus for the position of Chairman and André Guegen for the position of Vice Chairman.

The Chairman thanked Sam Lambourn and continued the meeting by calling for an election of the rapporteur. Paul Trebilcock was elected by consensus.





Andre Le Berre



Sam Lambourn



Bertie Armstrong



Daniel Lefèvre



Patricia Comiskey



Lorcain O'Ceinnide



Paul Trebilcok



Victor Badiola



Alan McCullagh



Brendan Price



Luc Corbisier



Kara Brydson



Barry Deas



Joey Murrin



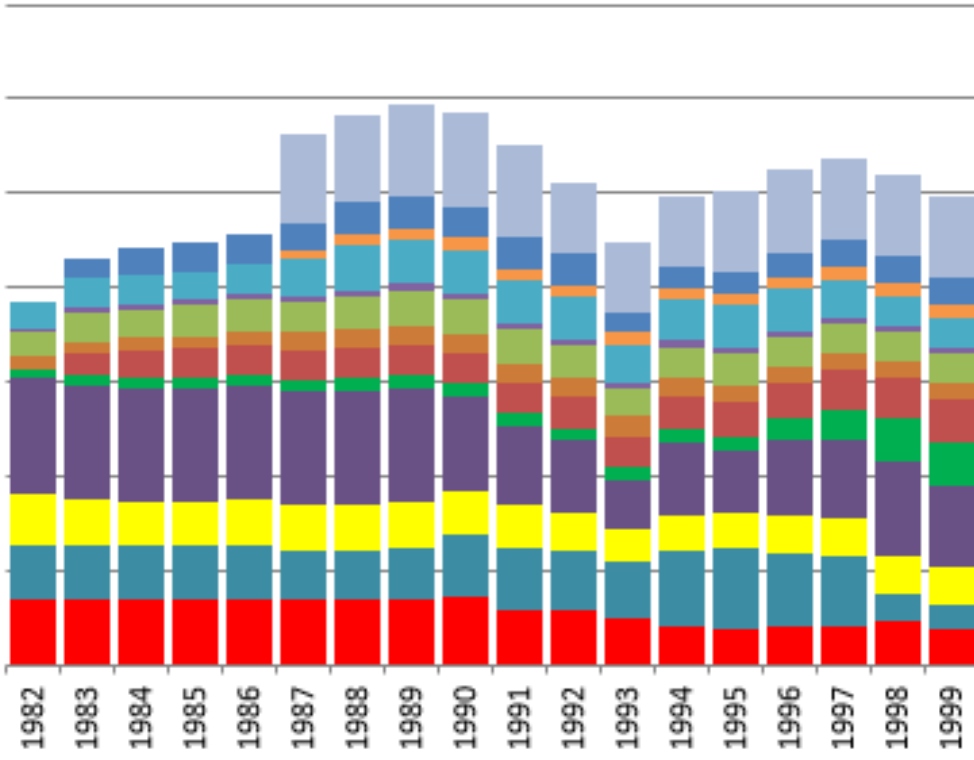
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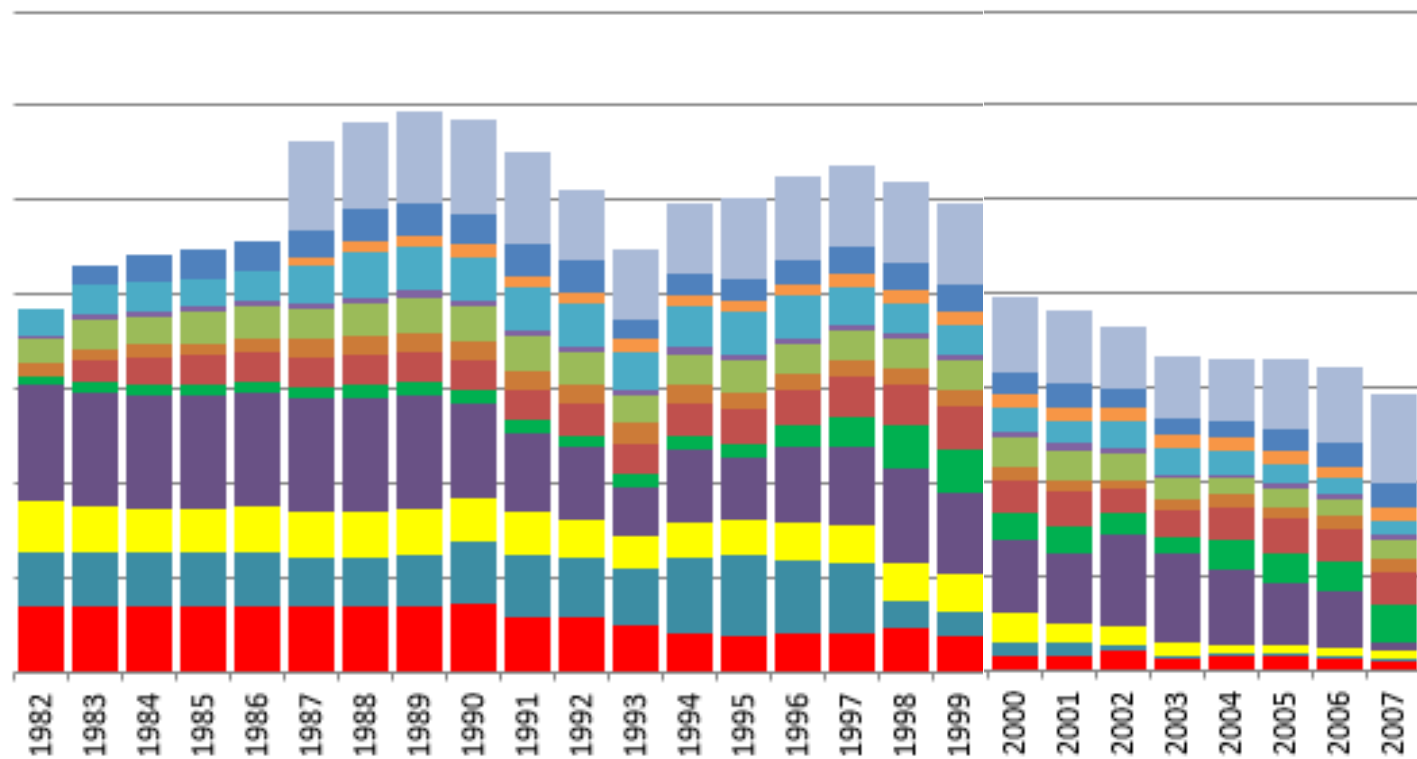


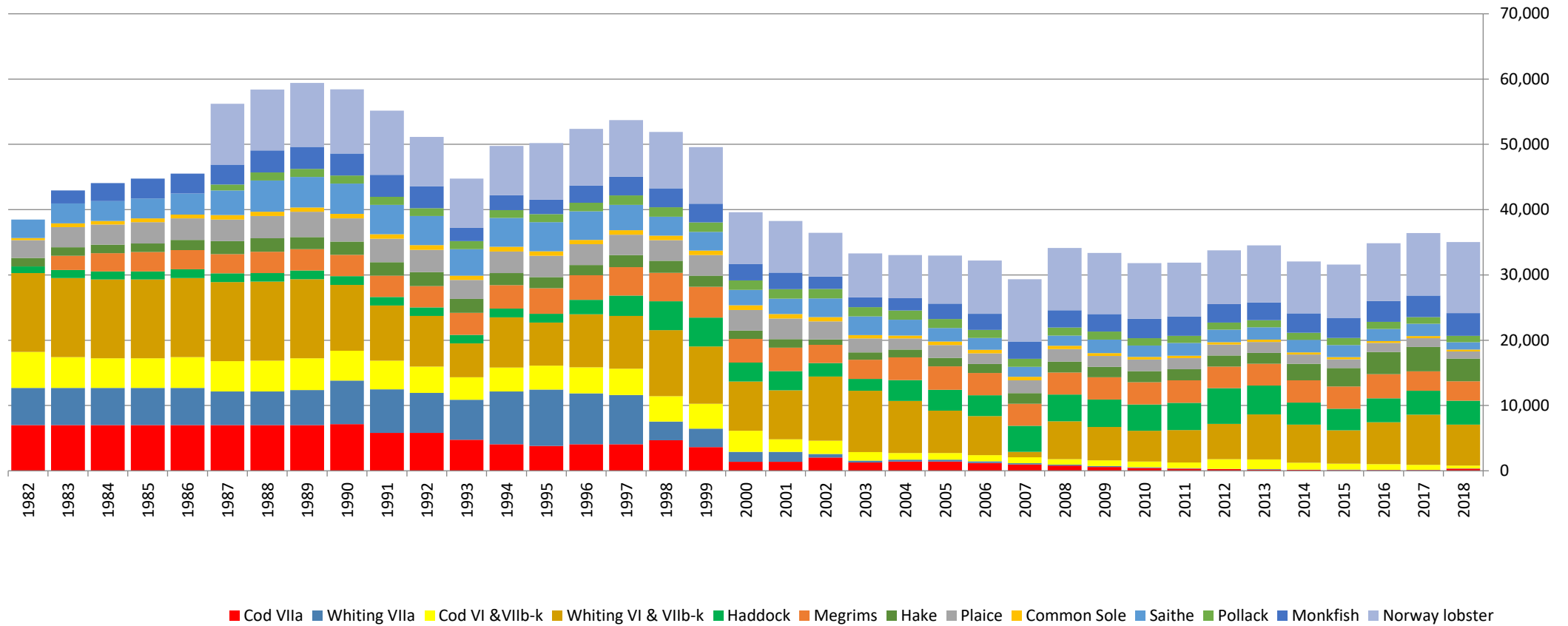
Jacques Pichon



Tom Geoghegan







- Its ALL about relationships...
 - with the Commission.
 - with Member States Group.
 - with STECF ICES etc
- Vital to support the continued participation of the Environmental Representatives.
- The issues affecting fisheries today may be different be they are every bit as important.
- Vital to demonstrate to the staff that they too *are* important.

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PelAC: the beginnings

Gerard van Balsfoort



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the early days of the Pelagic AC



The actual start – 2002 CFP reform



CFP reform

- **20 December 2002** – CFP reform regulation 3271/2002, art. 31 and 32 on the establishment of Regional Advisory Councils
- **19 July 2004** - Council Decision 2004/585/EC establishing Regional Advisory Councils under the CFP
- **5 August 2005** – Commission Decision 2005/606/EC – declaring operational the Regional Advisory Council for Pelagic stocks under the CFP as from 16 August 2005

The conception of the Pelagic RAC

- During the first half of 2005
- Initiated by the pelagic fishing industry – organized in the Northern Pelagic Working Group
(= the pelagic Producer Organizations of Ireland, Northern Ireland, Scotland, England, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, the Netherlands, France, Poland and - later – Lithuania)
- The industry felt intuitively that a RAC could become a forceful and officially recognized vehicle for improving science-based pelagic fisheries management with broad stakeholder participation

Operational principles at the start

- No politics / no lobbying → focus on fisheries management and underlying science
- Determination to reach only unanimous recommendations
- Roles in Pelagic RAC distributed in a balanced way:
 - *Chair GA and Excom: Scottish industry (Iain MacSween)*
 - *Secretariat located in the Netherlands and headed by the Dutch pelagic industry (PFA) but run independently by the secretary general (Rob Banning and Ingvild Harkes)*
 - *chair WG 1: Danish/Swedish industry (Christian Olesen)*
 - *chair WG 2: Irish industry (Sean O'Donoghue)*
- First fee for members: 190 euro per year

5 September 2005 inaugural meeting Pelagic RAC



- Over 60 member organizations
(2024: 38 members)
- first Excom 13 industry members
and 4 other interest groups
(2024: 10 resp. 4)
- 10 member states expressed interest



First General Assembly

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a little bit
gray-ish
and
a little bit
male-ish
perhaps?



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Fisheries Sector:

Denmark
France
Germany
Ireland
Netherlands

Poland
Portugal
Spain
Sweden
UK
AIPCE-CEP
European Association of Fishing
Ports and Auctions
ETF
European Fishmeal Association
North Sea Women's Network

Other Interest Groups:

EBCD
European Anglers Alliance (EAA)
Seas at Risk/North Sea
Foundation
WWF European Policy Office

Christian Olesen
Antoine Dhellemmes
Eckart Riediger
Sean O'Donoghue
Wim van der Zwan (formerly Gerard
Zwijnenburg)
Jaroslaw Zielinski
Jorge Abrantes
Javier Garat Perez
Reine Johansson
Andrew Tait
Susane Røntved (formerly Peter Bamberger)
John Wallace (formerly John Patterson)

Peter Sand Mortensen
Helge Korsager
Nicki Holmyard

Konstantinos Kalamantis
Jacques Cornec
Christine Absil

Carol Phua (formerly Charlotte Mogensen)

First Excom

In memory of our deceased first members:

- Eckart Riediger (Germany)
- Andrew Tait (UK/Scotland)
- Reine Johannson (Sweden)



...and to compliment our only first member who is still active in the Pelagic AC...





**And of course...
the Pelagic (R)AC
executive
secretaries**

**(no picture yet
of the new executive
secretary 😊)**

Thank you

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**NWWAC: Greatest achievements
by NWWAC OIG Vice-Chair
*Alexandra Philippe***



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NWWAC SUCCEES STORIES: GENERAL

- Impact on EU Fisheries Policies
- NWWAC & the CFP
- Stakeholders' engagement
- After Brexit
- Collaboration with ACs

Impact on EU Fisheries Policies

- Stakeholders' platform
- Recognition of NWWAC work by the Commission and the Member States



NWWAC & the CFP

- NWWRAC and the 2013 reform of the CFP
- Recommendations on the numerous files generated by the reform (LO, TM, WW MAP, etc.)
- Future of the CFP (Fisheries & Aquaculture Package: CFP & CMO communications, Marine Action Plan & Energy Transition Initiative)

Stakeholders' engagement



- Regionalisation as a core principle of the CFP
- Enhancing stakeholders' engagement as a corner stone of the CFP
- NWWAC contributed to make EU Fisheries Policies more efficient and inclusive
- That in itself is a success story!

After Brexit

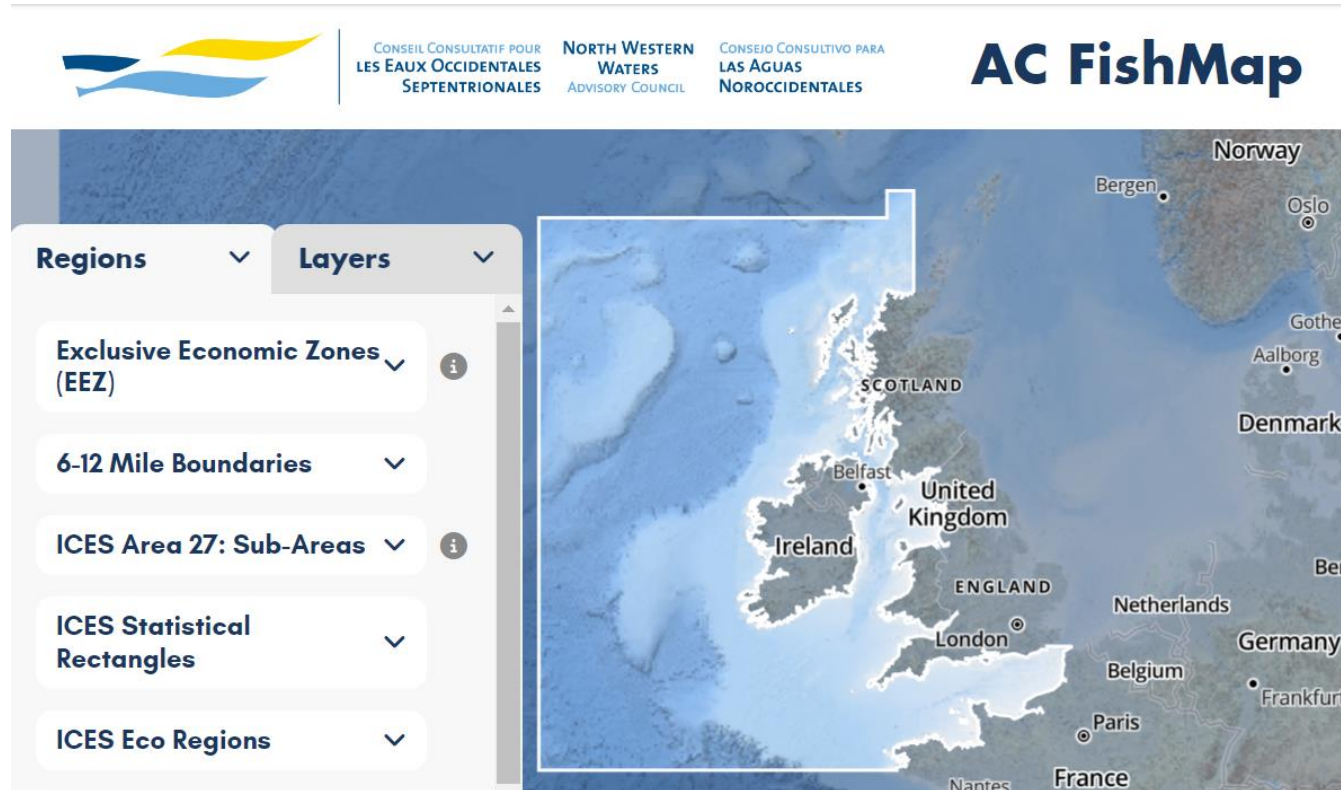
- Brexit: a lose-lose scenario
- Rebuilding UK-EU relationship
- Strong NWWAC membership after UK members departure
- NWWAC actively participated in involving stakeholders in the relationship with UK (Inter-Acs Brexit Forum, Skates & Rays Workshop, FMPs, etc.)

Collaboration with ACs

- Active collaborations with other ACs (focus groups, advice, letter, etc.)
- Numerous joint submissions
- Synergies of resources



NWWAC SUCCESSION STORIES: EXAMPLES



- Cod Symposium
- Spatial and Temporal Closure for VII Nephrops FU16 (Porcupine Bank)
- Skates & Rays
- ACFishMap

SUCCESS STORIES: TO BE CONTINUED ...

- Performance Review
- Evaluation of advice impact
- Membership



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PelAC: Greatest achievements
by PelAC OIG Vice-Chair
Gonçalo Carvalho



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PelAC's Greatest Achievements

Engagement with science

- Genetics and stock ID
- Acoustic surveys
- Mackerel
- “In-house” researchers
- Engagement with research projects
- Continuous interaction with ICES



PelAC's Greatest Achievements

Development of Long Term Management Strategies

- Southern Horse Mackerel
- Western Horse Mackerel
- Blue Withing
- Boarfish
- HCR for 3a Herring



PelAC's Greatest Achievements

International collaboration

- UK
- Norway
- US (Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Council)

... to be continued...



PelAC's Greatest Achievements

Consensus advice and how we work

- Positive work culture
- Focus groups
- Broad range of issues
- Abstain from political/partisan views/statements



Podium Discussion – The future of EU fisheries and regionalization in the Northeast Atlantic

Charlina Vitcheva, Director-General DG MARE

Patricia de Clerq, Belgian Presidency of the Fisheries Ministries Council

Eric Banel, French Presidency of the NWW Member States Group

Emiel Brouckaert, NWWAC Chair

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ASK YOUR QUESTION:

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Closing remarks by AC Chairs

Emiel Brouckaert and Sean O'Donoghue



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