

## Working Group 1: EU Production

### Draft Agenda

Wednesday, 31 January 2024 (09:00 – 12:30 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

**09:00** Welcome from the Chair, Julien Lamothe

**09:05** Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (29.11.23)

**09:10** Action points

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

**09:15** Fishers of the Future

- Presentation of the project by Commission representative
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

**09:45** Sustainability Criteria for Fishery and Aquaculture Products

- Update on STECF Expert Working Group meeting on validation of selected sustainability indicators and underlying methodologies (11-15 December 2023) by Commission representative (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views
- Way forward

**10:15** European Market Observatory for Fisheries and Aquaculture (EUMOFA)

- Overview of 2024 work programme by Commission representative (MARE A4)
- Consideration of draft advice on suggestions of studies to be integrated in the 2024 work programme
- Way forward

**10:45** Break

**11:00** Marine Action Plan

- Presentation of proposal of draft advice on expected effects on the supply to the EU market by Paul Thomas, EAPO
- Consideration of proposed draft advice
- Way forward



**11:30 Energy Transition in EU Fisheries and Aquaculture**

- Consideration of draft advice on energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture
- Way forward

**12:00 Scientific, Technical and Economic Committee for Fisheries (STECF)**

- Consideration of draft advice on the Terms of Reference of the 2024 edition of the Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet
- Way forward

**12:20 AOB**

**12:25 Summary of action items**

**12:30 End of meeting**

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## Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	Fishers of the Future	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 research will focus on factors and trends influencing the long-term sustainability and profitability of the fishing sector and fishing communities' well-being, fisher's identity and roles, and challenges and opportunities resulting from interactions between fishers and other maritime actors.	Presentation of the project by DG MARE representatives. Exchange of views with the members.	- <a href="#">News Announcement</a>
Information	Sustainability Criteria	In the context of the planned revision of the marketing standards framework, DG MARE asked STECF to develop sustainability criteria for fishery and aquaculture products. In the past, the MAC adopted advice about the criteria and advice calling for these to be incorporated in the upcoming Sustainable Food Systems Framework. From 11 to 15 December 2023, a STECF Expert Working Group met to work on the "validation of selected sustainability indicators and underlying methodologies for the revision of the EU marketing standards for fisheries products".	Update on the work of STECF by DG MARE representatives. Exchange of views with the members.	- <a href="#">STECF Meeting</a> - <a href="#">MAC Advice</a> - <a href="#">MAC Advice</a>
Information + Consideration	EUMOFA	EUMOFA is a market intelligence tool on the EU fisheries and aquaculture sector developed by the European Commission. Under the Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024), the MAC committed to provide advice on suggestions of topics for price structure analyses and thematic analyses to be undertaken by the	Overview of work programme of EUMOFA by DG MARE representatives. Consideration of draft advice on suggestions of studies to be integrated in the 2024 work programme.	- <a href="#">EUMOFA</a> - <a href="#">MAC 2023 Advice</a> - Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)

		experts of EUMOFA in 2024. A questionnaire was circulated to the members from 3 to 15 January 2024.		
Consideration	Marine Action Plan	On 21 February 2023, the European Commission published the communication “EU Action Plan: Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems for sustainable and resilient fisheries”, which aims to contribute to the effective management of Marine Protected Areas and to the target of legally and effectively protecting 30% of EU seas by 2030. Under the Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024), the MAC committed to produce advice on the topic. At the 29 November 2023 meeting, EAPO delivered a presentation on the expected effects on the supply to the EU market. It was agreed, as an action point, that EAPO would prepare a proposal of draft advice.	Consideration of the draft advice on expected effects on the supply to the EU market proposed by EAPO.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Communication</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Press Release</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>- Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)</li> </ul>
Consideration	Energy Transition	On 21 February 2023, the European Commission published a communication “On the Energy Transition of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector”, which aims to accelerate the energy transition of the sector. At the 29 November 2023 meeting, DG MARE delivered a presentation about the Energy Transition Partnership. It was agreed, as an action point, a questionnaire would be circulated to the members on the expected impact. The questionnaire was circulated from 3 to 15 January 2024. Under the Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024), the MAC committed to adopt advice.	Consideration of the draft advice on the energy transition in EU fisheries and aquaculture.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Initiative</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">News Announcement</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Presentation</a></li> <li>- Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)</li> </ul>
Consideration	Annual Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet	The report is published annually by STECF, providing a comprehensive overview on the structure and economic performance of EU fishing fleets. Under the Work Programme of Year 8 (2023-2024), the MAC	Consideration of the draft advice the Terms of Reference of the 2024 edition of the Annual	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">2023 MAC Advice</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">2023 STECF Report</a></li> <li>- Draft Advice (Via Email / Members Area)</li> </ul>

		committed to provide advice with suggestions for the Terms of Reference of the report. A questionnaire was circulated to the members from 3 to 15 January 2024.	Economic Report on the EU Fishing Fleet.	
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