

## Executive Committee

### Draft Agenda

Tuesday, 5 June 2024 (13:30 – 16:30 CET)

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

Interpretation in EN, ES, FR

**13:30 Welcome from the Chair, Yobana Bermúdez**

**13:35 Adoption of the agenda and of the last meeting's minutes (03.04.24)**

**13:40 Action points**

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

**13:45 EU Market of Fishery and Aquaculture Products Policy**

- Keynote speech on policy priorities by Sven Langedijk (MARE A4)
- Exchange of views

**14:15 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO)**

- Presentation on the EU's mandate for the 36<sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries (8-12 July 2024) by Commission representative (MARE B1) (TBC)
- Exchange of views

**14:45 Competitiveness of the EU Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector**

- Presentation of European Parliament Policy Department's study on policy options for strengthening the competitiveness of the sector by Martin Aranda (AZTI)
- Exchange of views

**15:15 Working Groups**

- Reporting by Julien Lamothe, Chair of Working Group 1
- Reporting by Pierre Commère, Chair of Working Group 2
- Reporting by Benoît Thomassen, Chair of Working Group 3

**15:30 Membership of the General Assembly**

- Presentation of the most recent members:
  - Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC)
  - Dutch Fish Auctions Association (NOVA)
  - European Salmon Smokers Association (ESSA)



**15:45 Inter-Advisory Council's Coordination**

- Reporting back on the following meetings:
  - Workshop on Financing the Marine Action Plan (12 April 2024)
  - Workshop on rebuilding the European eel stock and sustainability of sectors: silver eel capture and release (24 April 2024)
  - Secretariats' coordination meeting with DG MARE (7 May 2024)
  - Inter-AC Brexit Forum (17 May 2024)

**16:00 European Fisheries Control Agency**

- Reporting back on Advisory Board meeting (23 April 2024) by Daniel Voces (Europêche)

**16:05 Press Interviews and Opinion Articles**

- Exchange of views about the appropriate procedure for press interviews and opinion articles on behalf of the MAC

**16:20 AOB**

**16:25 Summary of action points**

**16:30 End of meeting**

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## Annotated Version

Type	Item	Background	Purpose	Documents
Information	EU Market	In January 2024, Mr Sven Langedijk was appointed as the new Head of Unit of MARE A4 (Economic Analysis, Markets and Impact Assessment). As the main policy unit on market matters, the MAC established a close collaboration with MARE A4.	Keynote speech and exchange of views with the members about the policy priorities for the EU market of fishery and aquaculture products.	
Information	FAO	In the past, the Executive Committee agreed to maintain a collaborative relationship with the FAO, particularly concerning the Committee on Fisheries and the Sub-Committee on Fish Trade. The 36 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries will take place on 8-12 July 2024 in Rome. An increased engagement of the MAC with DG MARE on FAO matters was previously discussed at the 14 April 2021 meeting.	Presentation of the EU's mandate for the 36 <sup>th</sup> Session of the Committee on Fisheries by DG MARE representative. Exchange of views on the involvement of the MAC (e.g., input to DG MARE, participation as observers).	- <a href="#">FAO Meeting</a> - <a href="#">Minutes</a>
Information	Competitiveness	In March 2024, the European Parliament's Policy Department published a study commissioned for the Fisheries Committee about policy options for strengthening the competitiveness of the sector. The study was presented at a meeting of the Committee.	Presentation and exchange of views with one of the authors of the study.	- <a href="#">Study</a>
Information	Working Groups	Under the structure of the MAC, there are three Working Groups with different areas of responsibility.	Reporting by each Chair on the work of the Working Groups.	
Information	Membership	As foreseen by the Common Fisheries Policy Regulation, the MAC is composed of representatives of the entire fisheries and aquaculture value chain (primary producers, processors, traders, retailers, trade unions) and other interest groups (environmental and development NGOs). Recently, ASC, NOVA, and ESSA were approved as new members.	Presentation of the most recent member organisations by their representatives.	- <a href="#">Membership</a>

Information	Inter-Advisory Councils Coordination	<p>On 12 April 2024, under the Joint Special Group on the Marine Action Plan, the European Commission organised the Workshop on Financing the Marine Action Plan. The MAC was represented by the Vice-Chair Christine Absil and by the Secretary General. On 24 April 2024, the European Commission organised the Workshop on Rebuilding the European Eel Stock and Sustainability of Sectors. The MAC was represented by the Vice-Chair Julien Lamothe. On 7 May 2024, DG MARE held a coordination meeting with the Secretariats of the 11 Advisory Councils to prepare for the full evaluation of the Common Fisheries Policy. On 17 May 2024, a meeting of the Inter-AC Brexit Forum took place. The MAC was represented by the Vice-Chair Julien Lamothe.</p>	Reporting back on the meetings by the different representatives.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <a href="#">Workshop Agenda</a></li> <li>- <a href="#">Workshop Agenda</a></li> </ul>
Information	EFCA	<p>The European Fisheries Control Agency has an Advisory Board that advises the Executive Director and ensures close cooperation with stakeholders. The Advisory Board is composed of representatives of the Advisory Councils, on the basis of one representative designated by each Advisory Council. The Advisory Board usually meets twice per year. The Executive Committee appointed Daniel Voces (Europêche) as the representative of the MAC.</p>	Reporting back on the meeting by the representative.	- <a href="#">EFCA Advisory Board</a>
Information	Press interviews and opinion articles	<p>ANFACO-CECOPECA requested an exchange of views on the appropriate procedure for press interviews and opinion articles on behalf of the MAC, including the possibility of requiring, in future opportunities, prior approval from the Executive Committee prior to the submission of the interview replies / opinion article. In</p>	Exchange of views on the appropriate procedure for press interviews and opinion articles on behalf of the MAC.	

		<p>the past, the established practice has been that it was not required to consult the Executive Committee, if the declarations made were in line with positions previously adopted by the MAC.</p>		
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