



TERMS OF REFERENCE

Focus Group on PECFR for Marine Fish Products II

Brussels, 26 June 2024

Rationale

In 2020, DG ENV launched a [policy initiative](#) on a potential legislative proposal on substantiating green claims. The Product and Organisation Environmental Footprint will be determined through Life Cycle Assessment methods. Environmental performance will be calculated from extraction/growing of resources to the end of life of the product or portfolio.

Product Environmental Footprint Category Rules (PEFCR) are being developed by external experts, including PECFR for unprocessed Marine Fish Products (both for wild catch and farmed fish) under a [Technical Secretariat](#). The First Open Consultation for the Marine Fish PEFCR took place from 2 August to 4 October 2021. At the 15 September 2021 meeting, Working Group 3 agreed, as an action item, that a Focus Group would be established to analyse the draft documents in advance of the Second Open Consultation for the Marine Fish PEFCR. On 24 May 2022, the MAC provided advice, with a political perspective, on the development of the Marine Fish PEFCR.

At the 2 April 2024 meeting, Working Group 3 agreed, as an action item, to reactive the Focus Group to prepare a contribution to the Second Open Public Consultation. The Technical Secretariat launched the [Second Open Public Consultation](#) from 17 June to 15 July 2024, which followed the undertaking of supporting studies to test the PEFCR.

Purpose

- Analysis of the draft documents under the Second Open Public Consultation
- Preparation of contribution to the Second Open Public Consultation, particularly providing a more technical perspective

Proposed outcomes

- Submission of draft contribution to WG3 based on the Technical Secretariat's draft report of the Second Open Public Consultation

Composition of the Focus Group

In line with the [Guidelines on the Functioning of the Focus Groups](#), ideal maximum of 10 members on the basis of knowledge of the issue under discussion, while striving for a fair representation of the different stakeholders.

Working languages

- English

Timeline

- First meeting in June 2024
- Dates of additional meetings to be determined by FG members
- Regular progress reports to Working Group 3
- Presentation and final report at the latest by 18 September 2023 meeting of WG3

Location

- Meetings via virtual conferencing
- Distribution of information and documents electronically

Resources, inputs and external sources

- [Draft documents of the Second Open Public Consultation](#)
- [MAC Advice on Substantiation and Communication of Explicit Environmental Claims \(Green Claims Directive\)](#)
- [MAC Advice on Product Environmental Category Rules \(PEFCR\) for Marine Fish for Human Consumption](#)

- [MAC Advice on Incorporation of Measurement and Communication on Environmental and Social Sustainability in Fishery and Aquaculture Products](#)
- [STECF Report on Fishery Sustainability Indicators \(23-18\)](#)
- Input from members

Structure

- Moderation: Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)
- Secretariat: Pedro Reis Santos (Secretary General)

Members

SECTOR	ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
- Catching	- EAPO	- Paul Thomas / Jean-Marie Robert
- Aquaculture	- APROMAR - FEAP	- Garazi Rodríguez - Yannis Pelekanakis / Szilvia Mihalfy
- Processing	- ADEPALE - European Fishmeal - CONXEMAR	- Solène Chambard - Gaëtane Le Breuil - Janne Posti
- Other Interest Groups	- MSC - Good Fish - ASC	- Jennifer Reeves - Christine Absil - Robert Parker

Observers

ORGANISATION	REPRESENTATIVE
- Aquaculture Advisory Council	- Brian Thomsen
- North Western Waters Advisory Council	- Mo Mathies