



Annotations to Draft Provisional Agenda AM2012

1. Welcome address by the President and opening statements

Annotation: The President, Mr Johán H. Williams, Norway, will open the meeting on Monday 12 November 2012 at 10:00 in the Council Meeting room on the ground floor of 22 Berners Street. Under this agenda item, delegations are invited to make opening statements.

2. Adoption of the agenda and appointment of rapporteur

Annotation: The first draft of the provisional agenda was circulated on 27 July 2012, HOD 12/90, for comments. Some suggestions for amendments were made by Contracting Parties. The draft agenda was amended in accordance with those suggestions. This Draft Provisional Annotated Agenda was circulated on 12 September 2012, (Doc AM 2011/01).

3. Establishment and arrangements for the Finance and Administration Committee, and other groups

Annotation: Meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee will be set up in consultation with the Chairman, Mr Andrew Thomson, EU. They will be scheduled so as not to clash with the plenary meetings of the Commission.

Meetings of other bodies will be convened as required.

4. Status of ratifications of amended NEAFC Convention

Annotation: Under this item, those Contracting Parties which have not yet ratified the amended NEAFC Convention will be asked to report on the status of the ratification process, including providing information regarding when they expect the process to be finalised.

5. Report from the Working Group on Fisheries Statistics, WGSTATS

Annotation: The report of the meeting of WGSTATS, 26-27 September 2012, will be issued as an Annual Meeting document and presented to the Annual Meeting.

6. Statistics on quota uptake and vessel activity

Annotation: Catch statistics are collected in accordance with NEAFC Recommendation 2:2011. Catch statistics for 2011 and part of 2012 will be presented as an Annual Meeting Document.

7. Reports from the Permanent Committee on Management and Science, PECMAS

Annotation: PECMAS met twice in 2012, on 26-29 June and 4-5 October. The reports of both meetings will be issued as Annual Meeting Documents. PECMAS also held a symposium on 25 June in the context of the review of NEAFC's regulation of bottom fisheries. The reports from PECMAS will be presented by the Chair, Snorri Pálmason, Norway.

8. Review of NEAFC measures on vulnerable marine ecosystems

a) PECMAS

b) PECCOE

c) **Recommendation on revision of existing management measures**

Annotation: Both PECMAS and PECCOE have done work regarding this review during 2012. This work, and relevant proposals, will be considered and consideration will be given to how best to move forward regarding this issue.

9. Report by the Advisory Committee of ICES

Annotation: This year, the presentation of advice from ICES will be given under two separate agenda items: 9 and 11.

Under this item the representative of ACOM, ICES will make a presentation regarding general issues in the context of the advice. This will include the general state of stocks in the NEAFC Convention Area dealt with by ACOM; any specific problem with this year's assessments; and the implementation of concepts such as the precautionary approach and introducing ecosystem concerns.

Specific advice for fisheries will be introduced under agenda item 11.

The presentation given to the Annual Meeting by the representative of ACOM will be issued as an Annual Meeting document in November and included in the Report from the Annual Meeting.

10. Request for scientific advice

Annotation: PECMAS will formulate the draft request for advice from ICES for 2012 at its meeting in October 2011. The PECMAS Chair will report on this agenda item.

11. Scientific advice and management measures

Annotation: This year, the scientific advice; reports from permanent committees, coastal State consultations and other relevant reports; and proposal for management measures will be dealt with together for each of the separate sub-items. This was tried at last year's Annual Meeting, but until then the scientific advice, reports and management measures had been separate agenda items, each with a number of sub-items.

a) Pelagic *Sebastes mentella* in the Irminger Sea

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Multi-year management measures remains in force, but one Contracting Party has objected to them and is therefore not bound by the measures. Parties met during 2012 to discuss management of pelagic *Sebastes mentella* in the Irminger Sea. The Convener will report from these meetings. Proposals for new management measures may be presented.

b) Pelagic *Sebastes mentella* in ICES Sub-areas I and II in the Regulatory Area

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Parties met during 2012 to discuss management of pelagic *Sebastes mentella* in ICES Sub-areas I and II in the Regulatory Area. The Convener will report from these meetings. It is expected that proposals for new management measures will be presented for discussion and adoption.

c) Blue whiting

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Parties met during 2012 to discuss management of blue whiting, including a meeting on the long-term management plan for the stock. The Convener will report from these meetings. It is expected that proposals for new management measures will be presented for discussion and adoption.

d) Norwegian spring spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Parties met during 2012 to discuss management of Norwegian spring spawning (Atlanto-Scandian) herring, including a meeting on the long-term management plan for the stock. The Convener will report from these meetings. It is expected that proposals for new management measures will be presented for discussion and adoption.

e) Mackerel

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Parties met during 2012 to discuss management of mackerel, focusing on efforts to agree on a sharing arrangement for the fisheries. The Convener will report from these meetings. It is expected that proposals for new management measures will be presented for discussion and adoption.

f) Rockall haddock

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Progress in the management of this stock will be reported and proposals made for new management measures, as appropriate.

g) Deep-sea fisheries

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Progress in the management of deep-sea species will be reported and proposals made for new management measures, as appropriate.

h) Area Management

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice. Progress in area management will be reported under this item and proposals made for new management measures, as appropriate.

i) Other

Annotation: The representative of ACOM will present the latest scientific advice for stocks that are not covered under sub-items a-h. Contracting Parties will, as appropriate, report on discussions on management measures that are not covered by sub-items a)-h) and propose measures for adoption.

12. Reports from the Permanent Committee on Control and Enforcement, PECCOE

Annotation: PECCOE met three times in 2012, on 26-27 April, 18-20 June, and 1-2 October. The meeting in June focused on the issue of an Electronic Reporting System. The reports of all three meetings will be issued as Annual Meeting documents. The reports from PECCOE will be presented by the Chair, Gylfi Geirsson, Iceland.

13. Reports from the Advisory Group on Data Communications, AGDC

Annotation: AGDC met three times in 2012, on 13-14 March, 22-23 May and 3 October. The meeting in March was a special meeting of experts regarding security and confidentiality. The reports of all three meetings will be issued as Annual Meeting documents. The reports from AGDC will be presented by the Chair, Ellen Fasmer, Norway.

14. The NEAFC Scheme of Control and Enforcement**a) Implementation of the Scheme**

Annotation: PECCOE will report on progress in implementing the Scheme.

b) Possible adoption of proposals from PECCOE

Annotation: Recommendations from PECCOE will be decided on under this item.

c) Possible adoption of proposals from the Advisory Group for Data Communications

Annotation: Recommendations from the AGDC meetings will be decided on under this item.

d) A- and B- lists of IUU vessels

Annotation: The A and B IUU lists will be considered. Proposals from PECCOE for possible revisions of the A- and the B-list will be presented and decided upon.

e) Other

Annotation: Under this item, issues relating to the Scheme which are not covered by sub-items a) – d) may be raised.

15. Cooperating non-Contracting Party Status

a) Possible renewal of cooperating non-Contracting Party Status

Annotation: The Secretary has written to all current cooperating non-Contracting Parties to enquire if they wish to have their status renewed. PECCOE will report on the latest developments.

b) Possible new granting of cooperating non-Contracting Party Status

Annotation: Belize has submitted an application for being granted cooperating non-Contracting Party Status. PECCOE will report on the latest developments.

16. Reports from the Working Group on the Future of NEAFC

Annotation: The Working Group worked through correspondence during 2012 on the issue of formulating proposals for the amendment of the NEAFC Rules of Procedure. The reports from the Working Group on the Future of NEAFC will be presented by the Chair, Kate Sanderson, Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland).

17. Proposals to amend the Rules of Procedure

Annotation: The Working Group on the Future of NEAFC worked through correspondence during 2012 on the issue of formulating proposals for the amendment of the NEAFC Rules of Procedure. However, this work did not result in agreed proposals and no proposed amendments are therefore presented at this time. Under this item, there will be discussions on the form and timing of continued work on formulating such proposals.

18. Arrangements for a Performance Review of NEAFC

Annotation: Last year, NEAFC agreed to carry out a second performance review during 2013. Under this item, there will be discussions regarding the arrangements of the review. This will include the timeline of the review, the composition of the review panel and the Terms of Reference for the review.

19. Relationships with other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations

a) Observer reports

Annotation: The observers to other Regional Fisheries Organisations appointed at the 30th Annual Meeting were:

ICCAT – the EU

ICES – Iceland

NAFO – Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland)

NAMMCO – Norway

NASCO – the EU

Pollock in the Bering Sea – The Russian Federation

SEAFO – Norway

Observers who have not yet submitted written reports are reminded to submit them in time for circulation before the 31st Annual Meeting.

b) Regional Secretariats Network

Annotation: The report of the fourth meeting of the Regional Secretariats Network, held in July at FAO HQ, Rome, will be issued as an Annual Meeting document. The Secretary will present the report.

c) Other

20. Relationship with other international fora

- a) ICES
- b) UN
- c) FAO
- d) OSPAR
- e) International MCS Network
- f) Nordic cooperation
- g) Other

Annotation: Reports covering sub-items a) to g) will be issued as Annual Meeting documents. The Secretariat will summarise the information in a presentation.

21. The role and mandate of the President and the Secretary

Annotation: In the recent past, disagreements arose among Contracting Parties regarding the role and mandate of the President and the Secretary. Under this item, the President will initiate an open discussion on this issue with the aim of ensuring that a clear common understanding on the role and mandate of the President and the Secretary emerges.

22. Finance and Administration Committee

- a) Report on the Secretariat's activities during the year
- b) Audited accounts for the year ended 31 December 2011 and preliminary statements for 2012
- c) Draft budget for 2013 and draft budget estimate for 2014
- d) Review of annual contributions from Contracting Parties with reference to Article 17.4 of the Convention
- e) Any other business

Annotation: The finance briefing for the FAC meeting will be circulated before the 31st Annual Meeting. The report from the FAC will be presented by the Chair, Andrew Thomson, EU.

23. Arrangements for future meetings

- a) Annual Meetings 11-15 November 2013 and 10-14 November 2014

Annotation: Annual Meetings are held in the second full week of November and the Secretariat makes the necessary arrangements accordingly. The 32nd Annual Meeting will take place on 11-15 November 2013 and the 33rd Annual Meeting on 10-14 November 2014.

b) Meetings in subsidiary bodies of NEAFC in 2012

Annotation: Under this agenda item, the Annual Meeting will decide on possible meeting dates in 2013 for ad hoc Working Groups, PECCOE, AGDC, WG Future, PECMAS and WGSTATS.

24. Press statements and other reports of the Commission's activities

Annotation: The President and the Secretariat will prepare reports and press statements after the meeting. The report of the meeting will be adopted through correspondence after the meeting.

25. Any other business

26. Closure of the 31st Annual Meeting