

INTER-RAC NGO COORDINATION MEETING

Place: Conference room, ½ floor down, MundoB, Rue d'Edimbourg 26, Brussels, Belgium

Time: 22 January 2014

Purpose of meeting:

For all relevant NGOs to get together and discuss strategic issues related to the EU Advisory Councils, in particular to discuss the implementation of the discard ban and other issues related to CFP reform, exchange experiences and advice, and identify common goals.

- To discuss the future ACs and the practical implications of the CFP reform
- To assess NGO representation in the different [R]ACs and the challenges of new ACs.
- To discuss implementation of the discard ban and regionalisation in the different [R]ACs.

Planned outcomes of meeting:

1. Strategy for joint actions and collaboration in 2014
2. Possibilities for cross-ACs support and information exchange on discard ban plans and multiannual plans

Participants: All NGO representatives participating in the 1/3 group in any of the [R]ACs + any other interested NGOs

Agenda

09.00 Coffee

09.30 Opening of meeting and round of presentations

09.50 Run through the agenda, adding any other relevant issues

10.00 Summary of the new legal basis for the ACs and implications for NGOs – *Niki Sporrang, The Fisheries Secretariat (FISH)*

10.20 Status of the Aquaculture Advisory Council – *Ann Dom, Seas At Risk*

10.30 Discussion: NGO representation in the different [R]ACs and the challenges of new ACs

11.00 Commission expectations on the new Advisory Councils: implementation of the new basic regulation, discard ban and regionalisation – *Joost Paardekooper, DG MARE*

- 11.30 Questions and discussion on ACs, regionalisation, discard ban and other issues
- 12.00 LUNCH
- 13.00 Discard ban plans – what will they cover, what are the key problem areas, time tables
– *Björn Stockhausen, Seas At Risk & Christien Absil, North Sea Foundation*
- 13.30 Short update from EU discussions on control of the discard ban – *Niki Sporrong, FISH*
- 13.45 Status of discard ban plans in each of the [R]ACs and discussion – *NGO contributions*
- 14.30 Coffee
- 15.00 Regionalisation in the different regions – how is it developing and how is it
influencing RAC work? – *NGO contributions*
- 16.00 Future NGO coordination on discard ban plans, MAPs and external meetings
- 16.45 AOB
- 17.00 End of meeting

We will provide lunch and refreshments. We also have a limited budget for travel – please let us know if you will need help with travel costs.

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