

National Coordination Meeting [IRELAND]

Data Collection Framework

Marine Institute Rinville Oranmore Galway

Date: July 14th 2014

Attendance:

Marine Institute (MI): Frank O Brien (*FOB*), National Correspondent, Paul Connolly (*PC*) Ciaran Kelly (*CK*), Gráinne Ní Chonchúir (*GNiC*), Helen McCormick (*HMc*), Niamh Slattery (*NS*),

Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) (Irish Sea Fisheries Board): Emmet Jackson (*EJ*), Herbie Dennis (*HD*), Conor Nolan (*CN*). Cathriona McCarthy (*CMc*)

1. Notes DCF Coordination Meeting of 2013 (FOB)

The meeting notes of August 8th 2013 were reviewed and many of the items to be dealt were on the present agenda.

Budget: The 2012 final payment was received in quarter 3 of 2014 and the first of the 2013 payments was paid in October 2013, it is likely it will be 2015 by the time the final 2013 balance is paid. This continues to provide problems for cash flow and payments internally.

Frank O'Brien will retire from the Marine Institute in August and therefore also retires as National correspondent. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Frank for the amazing job he has done over the past years and wish him well in his retirement. Measures have been put in place to continue the work with Paul Connolly acting as National Correspondent, Ciaran Kelly acting as internal liaison in the MI and with BIM Gráinne Ni Chonchuir, Helen McCormick and Niamh Slattery will continue in their present roles.

2. National Programme Annual Report 2013 update status/issues

Ireland's Annual Report 2013 (Both Technical Report 2013 & Cost Statement 2013) were submitted to the EU on the 29th of May 2014,. The European Commission has sent a

letter acknowledging receipt of report and on first examination of the format and completeness it is considered admissible.

- *Cost Statement 2013 (FOB/NS/CN):* The 2013 claim is within planned expenditure for the programme. Going forward BIM are aiming to have their cost statement prepared in February, once the previous accounting year had been closed off.
New time sheets are in place for 2014

- *Technical Report 2013(GNiC /CN/EJ /HD):*
 - The STECF review of DCF annual reports has taken place and overall the AR was well received.
 - A letter requesting clarification on certain queries raised at the EWG-14-07 is expected in July. All responses to the EU Commission will be coordinated by GNiC

3. The Data Collection Audit of Cost Statements 2010,2011,2012- Findings and actions (NC)

The final audit report has now been received. The issues raised (accounting for 0.2% of overall spend) have been addressed to ensure they will not arise again and the EU have sent letters to recover the ineligible costs.

4. Current National Programme ~ 2014

- *Review Progress(HMc/ GNiC /EJ/ HD/ CMc)*
 - MI now facilitating the entry of the biological data from the sentinel vessel programme. Returns are now twice yearly so will facilitate early feedback to data collectors. Amendments made to databases to facilitate more efficient data entry.
 - MI – data collection and all surveys are on track. BIM is continuing to try and improve data returns for the economic data, tying questionnaires in with grand aid applications is still the most effective way of getting returns.
- *Any Data issues (CK/ GNiC /EJ) Web site/Share Point/IFIS D Base*
 - CK – Improvements have been made in the receiving of the IFIS Logbook data, response time is now down to one week in quarter 1. Discussions on the provision of a temporally consistent feed mechanism and a review of our views has begun.
 - Report from PGECON: (EJ) *PGECON*-Continuing lack of data from countries causing problems. The terms for the data call were changed for the economic data, PGECON have asked that these be standardised.
 - There is no official list of eligible meetings for 2014 from the EU, instead there is a “List of recommended meetings and workshops of relevance to the DCF in 2014” available on the Data Collection website:

5. National Programme 2015

- No revision to the NP for 2015 therefore it will just be a rollover of the 2014 programme.

6. The new DC - Multi Annual Programme : 2014-2020

- Current status
 - The 2015 programme will be a roll over of the 2014 programme,
- Planning for change
 - Mechanisms are in place to facilitate the Irish Operational Programme which will be a part of the “Seafood Development Programme”2014-2022. A SWOT analysis was carried out by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) and stakeholders as part of the ex ante conditionality process for Seafood Development Programme 2014-2020.
 - The draft Seafood Development Programme will go out for public consultation in late September this year.

7. AOB

- Data calls : 9 data calls this year including RCM; Aquaculture; fishing effort; WGCEPH; WGCSE, WGNSSK, WGBIE, Economic and VMS (OSPAR/ICES). There will be a processing data call late October November and that is in hand.
- Other
 - The 2014 RCM for the North Atlantic will be held in Horta Azores 20th to 24th September HMc to attend.
 - Two further EWG’s will take place in Brussels and Hamburg in October and November regarding the future DCF and Ireland will register their intention to attend.
- A further National co-ordination meeting will take place between the MI & BIM in late December or early January 2015 to follow up on the outputs from the EWG meetings in October/November and submission of Ireland’s OP.

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