

## **National Coordination Meeting [IRELAND]**

### **Data Collection Framework**

**BIM Office, Limerick**

**Date: August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

#### **Attendance:**

**Marine Institute (MI):** Frank O'Brien (*FOB*), National Correspondent, 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*).

#### 1. Notes DCF Coordination Meeting of 2012 (FOB)

The meeting notes of June 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012 were reviewed and many of the items to be dealt with were on the present agenda.

There is still an ongoing issue with the provision of timely logbook data and this is a continuing saga. We need to be in a position to create our own views in order to extract the data from the current database. This will be actioned as a joint approach from BIM and the MI direct to secretary level in the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine. (DAFM) : Action : Paul Connolly Director Fisheries Ecosystems Advisory Services, MI and Michael Keatinge, Fisheries Development Manager, BIM to make a joint case to Secretary DAFM.

#### 2. National Programme Annual Report 2012 update status/issues

Ireland's Annual Report 2012 (Both Technical Report 2012 & Cost Statement 2012) were submitted to the EU by May 23<sup>rd</sup> ahead of the deadline. 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 2012 (FOB/NS):* The 2012 claim is within planned expenditure for the programme. We have sent a request for payment of the final tranche to EU on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2013.
- *Technical Report 2012(GniC /CN/EJ /HD):*
  - The STECF review of DCF annual reports has taken place and overall the AR was well received.

- We will arrange to start preparing the responses once we have formal list of any queries. ( This is now in hand and will be returned by Aug 30<sup>th</sup>)
- EJ – *fishing fleet*: economic variables: all of the issues have been covered before and even though the explanations were given clearly in the text they were still noted as non-conformities.

### 3. Current National Programme ~ 2013

- *Review Progress*
  - EJ – 2012 (Data for 2011) survey returns very low due to a reduction in grant aid. Philip Rogers from the University of Lincoln has been brought in as a consultant and will look at the form and survey design with a view to improvement. The 2013 survey, for 2012 data will commence in September 2013. They will use more proxies for the calculation of certain variables and this should improve the data for certain data calls. They have also specifically looked at the larger vessels in the Pelagic fleet, landings v's income. There is a resource problem with getting the returns for the sentinel data entered, MI and BIM to look at joint approach and perhaps the MI can facilitate the entry of the biological data. CN and Ollie Tully to discuss further. HD–aquaculture & processing data is coming in ok but if survey forms were tied in with grant aid applications it may get better returns. CN to discuss with Michael Keatinge and Donal Maguire.
  - MI – data collection and all surveys are on track.
- *Any Data issues (CK/ GNiC /EJ) Web site/Share Point/IFIS D Base*
  - CK –IFIS Logbook data is still proving problematic. See above
  - Report from PGECON: (EJ+) *PGECON*-a lot of circular arguments took place at the meeting regarding certain TORs. Many issues could not be dealt with during the meeting due to extensive discussion and these have been moved to individual workshop meetings or the next PGECON meeting. The new DCMAP was discussed but there were few objections to the proposed amendments to the data collection.

### 4. National Programme 2014

- Revisions to 2014 NP by Oct 31st. (HMC/FOB/NS/EJ+)
  - No revision to the NP for 2014 therefore it will just be a rollover of the 2013 programme.

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

- Current status
  - The 2014 programme will be a roll over of the 2013 programme,
- Planning for change
  - Mechanisms are being put in place to facilitate the Irish Operational Programme which will be a part of the “Seafood Development Programme”2014-2022. A SWOT analysis is currently underway by the Department of Agriculture, Food and Marine (DAFM) as part of the ex ante conditionality process for Seafood Development Programme 2014-2020.
- New reporting Structures will be clarified early 2014 by DAFM as part of the consultation process in preparation of the Seafood Development Programme.
- Times lines and Actions required will be confirmed early 2014 when the Seafood Development Programme details are confirmed and in place.

6. AOB

- Data calls: 7 data calls this year including RCM; Aquaculture; fishing effort; Gepeto; WGCeph; WGCSE and Economic. There will be a processing data call late October November and that is in hand.
- Other
  - The 2013 RCM for the North Atlantic will be held in Bilbao, 16-20th September HmC to attend.
  - EWG 13-18 will take place in Brussels 25-29 November and Ireland will look to send an economist.

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August 30<sup>th</sup> 2013