

Aquaculture Advisory Council

WORKING GROUP 3 Meeting

Tuesday 31 January 2023 | 14:00-18:00 CET
and

Wednesday 1 February 2023 | 10:00-12:30 CET

Online Zoom meeting – Interpretation available in EN, ES, FR, IT

Draft Agenda v. 13/01/2023

Tuesday 31 January 2023

Welcome words by the Chair Doug Waley

1. Adoption of the agenda and last meeting's minutes (14.05)

2. DG MARE updates (14.10)

- Presentation by **Lorella De la Cruz (DG MARE, Deputy Head of Unit A3, Head of the "Aquaculture Team")** and **Lana Bezinovic Sostar (DG MARE, Policy Officer A3, "Aquaculture Team")**
- Guidance document on MSP and Environmental performance
- EU Communication campaign
- Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism
- Decarbonisation agenda for aquaculture
- activation of unused EMFF funds to mitigate the energy crisis
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members

3. Aquaculture Assistance Mechanism (15:00)

- Presentation and work programme of the AAM, and of the draft Guidance Documents on "Access to space and water for marine aquaculture" and "Administrative Procedures" by **David Basset (EATIP)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members
- Decision on reflection on other potential requests to be sent to the AAM

4. Maritime Spatial Planning (15:40)

- Presentation of the final study on "Access to space and water for marine aquaculture" by **Christopher McDougall (MSP Platform) (tbc)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members



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5. EU Algae initiative (16:20)

- Presentation of the European Commission's Communication 'Towards a strong and sustainable EU algae sector' by **Lorenzo Paliotta (DG MARE)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members

6. STECF (16:45)

- Analysis of received European Commission answer by Focus Group leader **Brian Thomsen (Danish Aquaculture)**
- Presentation on the STECF annual report on EU Aquaculture economics by **Rasmus Nielsen (STECF Chairman of the Economic Working Group for Aquaculture)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

7. EUMOFA (17:10)

- Presentation of the EUMOFA "Fish Market 2022 report" by **Laurène Jolly (DG MARE, Market and Policy officer)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

8. Promoting the involvement of young professionals in aquaculture farming (17:35)

- Update on the Focus group activities by **Pier Salvador (API)**
- Exchange of views with the members and next steps

Conclusion of the first day of meeting (18:00)

// End of the first day of the WG3 meeting //

Wednesday 1 February 2023

Welcome words by the Chair for day 2 (10:00)

9. Socio-economic impact of aquaculture (10:00)

- Presentation on "the socio-economic impact of aquaculture in Europe" in the framework of the FAO International Year of Artisanal Fisheries and Aquaculture" by **Houssam Hamza (GFCM Aquaculture Officer)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps



10. Organic Aquaculture (10.25)

- Presentation of updated draft recommendation by Focus Group leader **Arthur Fuest (IFOAM)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and **approval** of draft recommendation

11. Nutrients Management Plan (10:45)

- Update on last FG discussions and draft recommendation by Focus Group leader **Ola Öberg (Recirkfisk)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members

12. Climate adaptation and mitigation (11:00)

- Presentation of draft recommendation by Focus Group leader **Javier Ojeda (Apromar)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

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13. EMFAF (11:30)

- Analysis of received European Commission answer by Focus Group leader **Yannis Pelekanakis (HAPO)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

14. Marine Litter (11:45)

- Analysis of received European Commission answer by Focus Group leader **Catherine Pons (FEAP)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

15. COVID 19 (12.00)

- Analysis of received European Commission answer by Focus Group leader **Brian Thomsen (Danish Aquaculture)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and next steps

16. Definitions (12.15)

- Analysis of received European Commission answer by the secretariat
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members

17. AOB and conclusions of the WG3 meeting (12.25)

