

Aquaculture Advisory Council

WORKING GROUP 3 Meeting

Wednesday 25 February 2025 (11:15-18:10)

Online meeting via Zoom

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Welcome words by the Chair Charlotte Epinay (11:15)

1. Adoption of the agenda (11:20)

2. DG MARE updates (11:25)

- Presentation by **Lorella de la Cruz, DG MARE, "Aquaculture Team"**
- Strategic Guidelines actions, Guidance Documents and Mid-term assessment
- Ocean Pact and related files including the Ocean Act and EU Initiative on Sustainable Aquaculture
- Vision for Fisheries and Aquaculture in 2040
- MFF
- Evaluation of the CFP
- Upcoming technical studies
- Exchange of views with the members

3. Results of the EU Communication campaign (12:20)

- Presentation by **Charlotte Gugenheim (DG MARE)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps

/// LUNCH BREAK: 12:45 – 14:00 ///

4. Cormorant predation and aquaculture (14:00)

- Presentation of EIFAAC's [management plan](#) for the great cormorant by **Ian Cowx (EIFAAC)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps

5. Bioeconomy Strategy (14:30)

- Presentation of the [Bioeconomy Strategy](#) by **Mirabela Lupaescu (DG Environment)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps

6. Environmental Omnibus Package (15:00)

- Presentation on the [Environmental Omnibus Package](#) by **Ewa Malz (DG Environment)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps



7. Commission's plans to revise the Water Framework Directive (15:30)

- Update by the **Secretariat**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps

8. Public consultation on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive (15:50)

- Presentation on the [revision of the MSFD](#) by **Javier Villar Burke (DG Environment)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps

/// COFFEE BREAK: 16:20 - 16:35///

9. Taxonomy Regulation: uptake of fish farming (16:35)

- **Presentation** of a draft recommendation by **Javier Ojeda (FEAP)**
- Exchange of views with the Working Group members and **adoption** of the draft recommendation

10. MFF – Exchange in view of an AAC contribution (17:05)

- Presentation by the **Szilvia Mihalffy (FEAP)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps

11. Ocean Act - Exchange in view of an AAC contribution (17:30)

- Presentation **by the Chair**
- Introduction by **Céline FRANK (DG MARE)**
- Exchange of views with the members and decision on next steps

12. Adoption of the letter and annex - Follow up on the AAC Recommendation on Small Scale Aquaculture (17:50)

- Presentation by **Ola Öberg (RECIRKFIK)**
- Exchange of views with the members and adoption of the document

13. AOB and conclusions of the WG3 meeting (18.00)

End of the meeting: 18:10

