

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

### **Data Collection Framework**

**Athlone, Co Westmeath**

**Date: July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**Time: 10.00- 1300hrs**

### **Minutes**

Attendance: Grainne Ní Chonchuir -GniC (Marine Institute), Helen McCormick-HmC(Marine Institute), Terence O Carroll -TC(BIM), Frank O Brien -FOB(Chair); Ciaran Kelly-CK (Marine Institute), Conor Nolan-CN (BIM), Emmet Jackson-EJ (BIM), Niamh Slattery -NS(Marine Institute) and Herbie Dennis –HB (BIM), Catriona McCarthy-CmC (BIM)-telecon.

#### 1. Notes DCR Coordination Meeting of 2010 (FOB)

*(i). any matters arising*

The meeting notes of July 21st, 2010 were reviewed and most of the items were to be dealt with on the present agenda. BIM clarified that under item RE: Staffing: The current position was that, two persons from the Central Statistics office completed a secondment process and of these, one person (CmC) has remained in BIM and will deal with the processing information needs.

CN asked the AER be considered under AOB

#### 2. The EU Communication on Irelands Data Transmission of 22<sup>nd</sup> March,2011

- (i)* Data deficiencies (CN/MK/FOB)
- (ii)* Implications
- (iii)* Remedies (All)
- (iv)* Status (FOB)

Chairman outlined the context of the present fine under consideration based on the data requests/ submissions for 2010 and held against the final payment of the 2009 DCF allocation. Ireland has submitted a strong case and does not feel that any of the fines should be upheld based on its answers and clarifications supplied to the Commission in April of

2011. FOB mentioned that it had been brought up at the NC meeting in Brussels that if fines were to be levied than the explanation behind the fine needed to be clearly stated.

CN mentioned the experience from the economic data side, highlights the importance of filling all the boxes for any data calls/submissions and giving detailed explanations from national experts, or different methodology and especially where data was thin or partly missing. It is important to maintain a good working relationship with the JRC on data calls who have been very helpful providing clarification on various queries Ireland has had.

### 3. National Programme Annual Report 2010 update status/issues

*(i). Cost Statement 2010 (FOB/NS)*

*(ii). Technical Report 2010(GniC/CN/EJ)*

GniC explained how BIM economic data was collected a year in arrears and this has been highlighted in all our AR's and this is fine for the AR. GniC reiterated the dates for the submission of the AR each year. This year (2010) AR was received well at SGRN. The SGRN comments on IRL NP 2010 were not significant and as such we do not anticipate any major problems. The cost statement process is improving each year but it does require considerable input along the way to avoid having the accumulation of work near the submission date. The inability of the Member State to charge even a small administration charge to the DCF is significant hindrance as a considerable amount of time is allocated to maintaining and managing the programme to ensure adherence to deadlines and the Regulation. This should be addressed in the new DCF 2013-2020.

The EU has confirmed 2010 AR has been sent to STECF for evaluation. This will highlight any queries that require an IRL response and hopefully the process will run smoothly so that the final 2010 payment is received by year end.

### 4. Current National Programme ~ 2011

*(i). Review Progress*

*a) Any Data issues (CK/GniC/CN)*

*b) Any Sampling issues (GniC/EJ)*

*c) Other*

*(ii) Revisions to 2012 NP by Oct31st. (FOB/NS+)*

CK gave an outline around the issues with access to the logbook data. Logbook data is collected by the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA) and entered into the Integrated Fisheries Information System (IFIS) database, which is provided by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). Delay in logbook data leads to delays in getting

the AR ready in time. Currently the MI receives data on an annual basis in late February\early March once DAFM have finalised their records in IFIS and reported official catch statistics for the previous year to the EU. This delay in receiving the data holds-up the assignation of catch data to metiers. In future the MI is hoping to become a clearing house for the data, with it available on a Sharepoint website, hosted by the MI. This secure website shall be accessible to all participants involved in the national data collection programme. A Meeting will shortly take place with the SFPa and the MI to establish a more comprehensive overview of the data stored within IFIS.

TOC noted that collection of Aquaculture data is well under way and HD is making good progress on collecting the data on site. Aquaculture economic data and market information is much more of a problem and efforts are continuing to try and improve responses.

CMcC is waiting for the first processing data call which should be out soon (20-7-2011).

GniC circulated the relevant extracts from STECF (sub group SGRN) re: 2011-2013 NP evaluation for the meeting. In addition it was highlighted that RCM recommendations are adequately dealt with in the NP and AR's, a copy of the most recent RCM recommendations was circulated to the group.

#### 5. National Programme 2011 – 2013

- (i) Updates & Comments from SGRN Reviews & RCM Meeting (GniC & HmC)
- (ii) Delays in EU Member State Payments Schedules (FOB)
- (iii) Report on National Correspondents Meeting of June 23<sup>rd</sup>(FOB)
- (iv) Actions required by IRL

Reminders were given re the dates for the NP 2012 revision with the submission date for the 31<sup>st</sup> October. Reviews to the program should be done using track changes. HMC advised the group to refer to RCM & SGRN summary recommendations when revising NP 2012.

Once September's RCM agenda is circulated, a decision can be made if there is a need for Ireland to send an economic representative.

FOB summarised the outcome of the National Correspondents meeting in Brussels of June 23<sup>rd</sup> in particular outlining the issues related to fines; the future audits on data quality, data processes and web data availability. In particular the issues related to the WG tables were important to consider as the ICES tables have been problematic. Many countries have issues with these. In addition it is important to note that all member states had trouble with precision

levels and this was not working well and actions need to be taken by the SGRN and WG's to resolve this issue. A second National Correspondent meeting is likely to take place toward the end of the year.

The data call for Fishframe was also highlighted and needs to be in by August 19<sup>th</sup> for National landings and effort data for level 6.

#### AOB

Data for The Annual Economic Report was submitted and meeting was held end of May. BIM attended by correspondence. There were some issues with data and contact has been made with the SFPA surrounding the issue of clarification of herring prices in VIa .

The recent Aquaculture data call notification process was raised and JRC would normally advise the NC's and this did not happen. It was notified through the country rep at EU. At time of writing the notes (20-7-2011) the call notice has just come through. It is key, that NC's are notified to ensure compliance data calls

The meeting concluded at 1300.