



Quota Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time	Tuesday 19 th July 2022 at 2.30pm
Location	National Seafood Centre, Clonakilty
Chair	Official from the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM)
Members in National Seafood Centre, Clonakilty	DAFM: 3 attendees Irish South & East Fish Producer Organisation (ISEFPO): 1 member
Members via videoconference	DAFM: 6 attendees Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA): 1 attendee <u>Industry Representatives:</u> Co-ops Umbrella Group: 1 member and 1 observer Irish Fish Producers Organisation (IFPO): 1 member National Inshore Fisheries Forum (NIFF): 1 member Irish South and West Fish Producer Organisation (ISWFPO): 1 member Irish Fish Processors and Exporters Association (IFPEA): 1 member Killybegs Fishermens Organisation (KFO): 1 member and 1 observer
Apologies	Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation (IIMRO)

1. **Conflict of Interest**

The Conflict-of-Interest statement was read at the start of the meeting. The Department advised the QMAC it will send requests to complete updated declaration of interest forms following today's QMAC meeting.

2. Items added to the Agenda

The ISWFPO representative highlighted new technical measures on the ban of stone traps in fishing gear have been introduced in UK waters. The ISWFPO representative advised that he has made contact with BIM regarding same. The Department advised that the UK update rules on various technical measures on a regular basis and have not taken into account EU views to any significant extent.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes from the June QMAC meeting were circulated to the QMAC members for comments before today's meeting. The Department advised no observations were received from the QMAC members regarding the minutes. The Department further advised that it would publish the meeting minutes on the Department website when it is publishing the August Fishery Management Notices.

4. Swaps

The Department advised that there are no swaps completed since the last QMAC meeting

Swap for discussion:

Swap 1 – UK

IRL to UK:

225t MAC/2CX14- (that may be fished in area MAC/*4A-UK)
7t COD/5BE6A

UK to IRL:

70t HKE/571214
30t ANF/07.
80t NEP/07.

This swap was previously discussed at the June QMAC meeting where the amounts being received from the UK were unknown. The recommendation from the QMAC today is to support the swap proposal.

The Department will send this swap to the Commission to be included in round 4 of EU/UK Swaps.

Swap 2 – UK

UK to IRL:

50t ANF/07.

IRL to UK:

105t WHG/7X7A-C

The Department received this swap from the ISEFPO. The ISEFPO advised that this swap was completed last year with the same PO and the ratio is good for Ireland. The recommendation is to support the swap proposal.

The Department will send this swap to the Commission to be included in round 4 of EU/UK Swaps.

Swaps 3 – 10 - UK

The following 8 swaps were received by the same UK Producer Organisation.

The main stock sought by the UK Producer Organisation was mackerel. The Department updated the QMAC members that the remaining mackerel from the 2% available to swap was 491t with 191t to be set aside for a crab effort swap later in the year if needed, as agreed at June's QMAC meeting. Following the support for swap 1 for 225t, the remaining balance is 75t.

The ISWFPO will contact the UK Producer Organisation to further discuss the swap proposals.

Swap 3 – UK

UK to IRL:

50t LEZ/07.
100t HAD/7X7A34
100t ANF/07.
75t NEP/07.

IRL to UK:

410t MAC/2CX14-
80t WHG/7X7A-C

Swap 4 – UK

UK to IRL:

50t LEZ/07.
100t HAD/7X7A34

IRL to UK:

60t MAC/2CX14-
80t WHG/7X7A-C

Swap 5 – UK

UK to IRL:

100t ANF/07.

IRL to UK:

200t MAC/2CX14-

Swap 6 – UK

UK to IRL:

75t NEP/07.

IRL to UK:

150t MAC/2CX14-

Swap 7 – UK

UK to IRL:

30t NEP/07.
5t ANF/07.

IRL to UK

52.5t MAC/2CX14-

Swap 8 – UK

UK to IRL:

40t NEP/07.
5t ANF/07.

IRL to UK

60.7t MAC/2CX14-

Swap 9 – UK

UK to IRL:

50t NEP/07.
5t ANF/07.

IRL to UK

68.7t MAC/2CX14-

Swap 10 – UK

UK to IRL:

60t NEP/07.
5t ANF/07.

IRL to UK

78t MAC/2CX14-

Other swap items discussed

Herring area 4ab (HER/4AB.)

Ireland has 300t quota for 2022 received from the Netherlands (257.33 from swap 32 of 2021 and 42.67 from swap 8 of 2022). The KFO advised they had no new update on the payback of 350t Herring 4AB swap with Denmark. The KFO further advised it will make contact with their counterpart in Denmark and will update the Department with any further developments.

Norwegian Cod (COD/1N2AB)

The KFO advised today's QMAC meeting it had recent discussions with its French contact regarding the potential swap of 18.8t of Saithe in area 1N2AB for the remaining 20t of COD 1N2AB quota Ireland has in 2022 with France. The KFO further advised that France can likely agree the swap.

The Department will propose the swap to the French administration following today's QMAC meeting.

5. Tie up Scheme

The Department advised that 50 over 55ft boats and 15 under 55ft boats have applied for the Tie-up Scheme in August. This would be taken into consideration when recommending quotas for August.

6. Whitefish - Discussion on particular regimes

Cod in area 6A

Figures at the today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 61.78% (including carryover) with 59t remaining including carryover amounts. With 7 tonnes due to be swapped to the UK leaving 52 tonnes remaining there was discussion on whether to increase the regime or set quota aside as currency for swaps.

All agreed to recommend 3/1.50.

Haddock in area 7b-k

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 67.28% (including carryover) with 1104 tonnes remaining including carryover amounts. Industry representatives discussed and recommended that the stock should be included on the priority swaps list along with nephrops in FU16 and potentially other stocks including Hake (see below).

All agreed to recommend 9/6/3 for August.

Hake

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 70.57% (including carryover) with 1,054 tonnes remaining for the year. There was discussion on whether hake should also go on the priority swaps list.

All agreed to recommend 16/8 for August.

Nephrops Area 7

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 72.63% (including carryover) with 1820 tonnes including carryover amounts remaining for the year.

The Department advised out of the 1820 tonnes remaining for the year, 500 tonnes of that will be used in the porcupine (FU16), leaving 1300 tonnes remaining for Nephrops in area 7.

The Cooperative representative stated the fishery is in a better place than at the June QMAC meeting with 100 tonnes more quota left this year than the same time last year. The Cooperative representative also stated the tie up scheme will also have an effect on uptake figures.

All agreed to recommended 16/8 for August.

Nephrops FU16

All agreed to recommended that the fishery be closed for August.

Mackerel Hook and Line

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake of 31.48%. The SFPA advised there was very little activity this month. The NIFF advised the reason for the low uptake in the North Mayo area is fishery opened too late and buyer bought fish under contract from Spain before the fishery opened.

All agreed to recommend 3t for July.

Under 18 Mackerel

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake of 30.48%.

All agreed to recommend 2t for August

Crab Effort in the BSA

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake of 29.72% of crab effort in the BSA. SFPA advised the situation of delayed reporting of effort is as normal. The SFPA further advised the busy season for crab effort has not begun.

The guest of the KFO advised the fishery is better managed this year with the more accurate recording of effort. The ISWFPO asked that vessels be reminded of the importance of correctly recording of effort.

The Department advised it will still hold some mackerel back for swapping in crab effort if required but will review it again later in the year.

7. Pelagic Issues

2022 Celtic Sea Herring Fishery

The Department advised the closing date for vessels to booking in for the fishery is close of business Friday 29th July.

2022 Irish Sea Herring Fishery

The Department have written to the QMAC seeking their views for the management of the 2022 quota. The available quota is 823t which includes a carry over of 104t from 2021. Industry representatives agreed to recommend a rollover of the 2021 management arrangements.

The Department will seek approval from the Minister of the management arrangements for the 2022 Fishery.

Allocation of Horse Mackerel quota – 906t

The Department wrote to the Quota Management Advisory Committee (QMAC) on 06 July to seek a recommendation for the management of this quota. The matter was discussed at today's QMAC Meeting (19 July). Industry representatives have recommended that 192t be made available to the polyvalent vessels (over and under 65ft) that have fulfilled the criteria to receive a catch limit in the autumn fishery. This is to be added to the quota already available for this fishery of 808t. The remaining 714t to be made available to 29 vessels covered by a decision for horse mackerel set down in 2005.

This recommendation has been proposed and supported by Industry and is recommended.

Allocation of Mackerel quota

The Department advised the QMAC of the draft Commission Implementing Regulation adding to the 2022 fishing quotas remaining quotas not fished in 2021. For Mackerel the transferable quantity will be 972t. This amount is currently unallocated.

The Department will write to Industry representatives to seek their views for the management of this quota.

2022 Albacore Tuna Fishery

The SFPA advised 9 vessels are currently fishing in the fishery with 461t caught.

8. Quota Balancing update:

In November 2021, the Minister approved the procedure for the recoupment of Quota Balancing Adjustments of landings of a pelagic stock in excess of by-catch allowance. A communication was issued to licence holders of vessels setting out the Minister's policy on this matter in December 2021.

In advance of the meeting of the QMAC, the Department sent a paper to the members of the QMAC setting out an amendment in the procedure for the recoupment of Quota Balancing adjustments where it is unlikely that the vessel will receive a catch limit of the stock (herring) that was quota balanced for discussion at the QMAC meeting.

The paper was discussed at the QMAC meeting and was supported by QMAC members with a proposed clarification which will be included. Industry representatives sought clarification whereby they queried the timing of balancing adjustments - where there is a high probability that a pelagic stock option is not available based on the expected fishing opportunities available to that vessel- will be recouped against a demersal stock of a similar value. It was recommended by industry representatives that such recoupments should be carried out as soon as possible against an appropriate demersal stock. The Department advised that this aspect will be clarified.

Furthermore, as set out in the discussion paper, the Whiting stock in Area 7B-K was discussed by members of the QMAC as a potential demersal stock from which the recoupment can be made, where the option of using a pelagic stock is not realistic given the pelagic fishing opportunities available to a vessel. It was recommended that Whiting in 7B-K is an appropriate stock from which to make the recoupment in this situation as the first demersal option.

AOB

The next Quota Management meeting is scheduled for the 18 August at 2.30pm

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