



Quota Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time	Wednesday 19 th October 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: 2 attendees
Members via videoconference	<p>DAFM: 3 attendees</p> <p>Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA): 1 attendee</p> <p><u>Industry Representatives:</u></p> <p>Co-ops Umbrella Group: 1 member</p> <p>Irish Fish Producers Organisation (IFPO): 1 member</p> <p>National Inshore Fisheries Forum (NIFF): 1 member</p> <p>Irish South & East Fish Producer Organisation (ISEFPO): 1 member</p> <p>Irish South and West Fish Producer Organisation (ISWFPO): 1 member</p> <p>Irish Fish Processors and Exporters Association (IFPEA): 1 member</p> <p>Killybegs Fishermens Organisation (KFO): 1 member</p>

1. Conflict of Interest

The Conflict of Interest statement was read at the start of the meeting.

2. Items added to the Agenda

The ISWFPO representative advised that he is exploring swapping opportunities with another Coastal state (UK: Scottish PO). The representative requested a discussion on how the presentation/layout of figures on the whitefish sheets could be improved to provide further clarity. It was agreed this would be discussed at the end of today's meeting under AOB.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes from last month's 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 prior to the meeting. The Department further



advised that it would publish the meeting minutes on the Department website when it is publishing the November Fisheries Management Notices.

4. Swaps

The Department advised that the following swaps had been completed since the last QMAC meeting and the figures were included in the white fish sheets.

Completed swaps:

The QMAC were advised of Swap 1 & Swap 2 at the September QMAC meeting but the stocks were not transferred on fides.

Swap 1 – UK

UK to IRL:

50t ANF/07.
12t HAD/7X7A34
only)
4t SRX/07D.

IRL to UK:

110t WHG/7X7A-C
100t LIN/*04-C (Use of area

Swap 2 – UK

UK to IRL:

4t NEP/*07U16.
40t HAD/7X7A34

IRL to UK:

3t COD/7XAD34.
35t WHG/7X7AD34

Swap 3 – UK

IRL to UK:

100t MAC/2CX14-
100t MAC/*4A-UK
4t COD/5BE6A
0.5t COD/5W6-14

UK to IRL:

50t NEP/07
50t NEP/*07U16

Swap 4 - UK

IRL to UK:

100t POK/56-14
28t BLI/5B67

UK to IRL:

20t NEP/07.
20t NEP/*07U16
40t HAD/6B1214



Swap 5 – France

IRL to FRA

8t of RJU/7DE
1t of SOL/7HJK
45t of JAX/ 4BC7D
1t of PLE/7HJK
100t of WHG/ 7X7A-C

FRA to IRL

11t of NEP/ *07U16***
11t of NEP/ 07
5t of PLE/ 7DE
35t of ANF/ 07

Swap 6 - France

IRL to FRA

100 t of SRX/67AKXD
20 t of WHG/7X7A-C

FRA to IRL

100 t of HAD/7X7A34
20 t of ANF/07.

Swap 7 and Swap 8 are part of the end of year banking swap with Denmark agreed in January 2022.

Swap 7 – Denmark

IRL to DNK:

375t WHB/1X14 (2022)

DNK to IRL:

750t WHB/1X14 (2021)

Swap 8 – Denmark

IRL to DNK:

46t HER/1/2- (2021)

DNK to IRL:

23t HER/1/2- (2022)

Swap 9 – UK

IRL to UK:

2t SOL/7HJK

UK to IRL:

1t SOL/07D
1t SOL/7FG.

This swap has been agreed and sent to the Commission for processing. Figures from this swap are not included in today's quota figures as the final list is not agreed. The final list will be agreed and published on Thursday 27th October.

The deadline for member states to send swaps to the Commission for Round 8 swaps with the UK is Tuesday 15th November, with the final list agreed on 24th November.



The following potential swaps were discussed.

Swap 1 – Netherlands

This swap proposal was received from the Dutch Administration.

NL to IRL

92.50t ANF/07

IRL to NL

370,000 kw/days demersal
effort western waters ICES VII

There was discussion if other stocks should be looked for in order to maximise carryover of stock from 2022 to 2023. The recommendation was to support this swap as the regime for Monk in area 7 could be increased for November and December and any uncaught quota that cannot be carried over from 2022 to 2023 for Monk in area 7 would be a useful currency for banking swaps. All agreed to support this swap.

Swap 2 – UK

The Department advised the Committee that it has been advised by the Commission regarding cross year swaps with the UK. The Commission advised that Cross-year swaps will only be allowed for the last round of 2022 quota swaps (17th January 2023), i.e. when the 2023 TACs and quotas have been negotiated and approved at Council level.

The Department advised that in order to have the maximum benefit in cross year swaps, landings of that stock would need to be 90% of the adjusted quota including quota swapped in to benefit from the banking amount.

Swap 3 - UK

This swap came in from the UK Administration and emailed to industry representatives.

IRL to UK:

10 t. COD/7XAD34
2 t. SOL/7HJK

UK to IRL:

40 t. HKE/571214
20 t. NEP/5BC6

The KFO, NIFF, IFPO and ISEFPO had previously emailed that they do not support this swap. It was proposed that this swap should be discussed at the October QMAC meeting.

The Department advised the Committee that the expected carryover of 30 tonnes for COD/7XAD34 under article 15(9) will not apply in accordance with Council Regulation (EU) 2022/515 of 31 March 2022, as the biomass is below the biomass reference points. Therefore, there is an estimated 45 tonnes remaining for COD/7XAD34 in 2022.

It was agreed, based on today's whitefish figures, that Ireland does not need hake or nephrops in area 6 for the remainder of 2022. Following discussion, the recommendation was to revert to the UK and see if by-catch stock with no quota caught by Irish vessels (1.604 tonnes COD/1N2AB and 0.881 tonnes POK/2C3A4) can be included in the swap.



The Department will revert to the UK Administration.

Swap 4 – Spain

This swap proposal was received from the Spanish Administration. Spain is looking for some additional quota of SOL/7BC in order to cover the Spanish vessels by-catches to avoid any possible choke risk.

ESP to IRL

2.5 t of WHB/1X14

IRL to ESP

0.5 t of SOL/7BC

This swap has been emailed to the industry representatives for their views. As recommended by Industry the Department emailed Spain seeking Nephrops in FU16 instead of Blue Whiting (WHB).

The Department advised it has not yet received a reply from the Spanish administration.

Other swap items discussed

Crab effort BSA

It was agreed at the September QMAC meeting to review the crab uptake figures at the October QMAC. There is 110t of mackerel in order to swap in 20,000k/w days if needed based on the ratio from the previous swap this year.

The whitefish figures at the October QMAC meeting showed there was 71% uptake of crab effort in the BSA. The recommendation was to review the uptake figures at the November QMAC meeting and discuss if the swap is required.

The recommendation was to hold 110t of mackerel in order to swap in 20,000 kW days if needed.

Herring area 4ab (HER/4AB.)

Ireland has 331t quota for 2022 received from the Netherlands (257.33 from swap 32 of 2021 and 42.67 from swap 8 of 2022) and 31 tonnes made available from the transfers under Article 4.2 of Regulation 847/96, as published in Regulation 2022/1653. Ireland still must transfer 350t to Denmark for 2021 quota swap.

The KFO representative advised it has no update as its contact in Denmark is still on leave. The KFO requested the Department follow up with the Danish Administration on the request that the 350t Herring 4AB borrowed from Denmark in 2021 which was due to be repaid in 2022, be written off due to the early closure of the 2021 Atlanto Scandian Herring fishery and the loss of fishing opportunities to Irish vessels.



The Department advised the Committee based on the uptake figures by Irish vessels (98 tonnes), Ireland would only be able to carry over 33 tonnes from 2022 to 2023. The KFO representative advised that the Netherlands may carry some of this over for a 100% return in 2023.

Albacore Tuna (ALB/AN05N)

There was an excess of 131 tonnes of Albacore Tuna fished in the 2022 Fishery. The Department advised that as Ireland did not overfish in 2021 and as the amount of overfishing in 2022 is less than 10%, Ireland would suffer a deduction in 2023 of 1:1 if a swap is not found in 2022 to cover the 131 tonnes excess.

The Department also advised that any overfishing in 2022 would be included by ICCAT when setting the EU quota in 2024 when that TAC was being set which has implications for other member states as well as for Ireland.

There was discussion on the opportunities to agree swaps to cover the excess. Industry representatives agreed to work with its counterparts to secure a swap.

Dutch Swap proposal Blue Whiting (WHB) for Hake (HKE)

The KFO advised the Committee that it has held discussions with its Dutch counterpart on a swap of Blue Whiting for Hake.

NL to IRL

10 t HKE/571214

IRL to NL

30 t WHB/1X14

The recommendation was to support this swap when it is sent to the Department from the Dutch Administration.

All agreed to support the swap.

Other prospective swap proposals

Industry representatives updated the Committee that they are working on potential swap proposals with their contacts.

5. Tie up Scheme

The Department advised that 80 boats have applied for the Tie-up scheme in November, 43 over 55ft boats and 37 under 55ft boats. This would be taken into consideration when recommending quotas for November.

6. Whitefish - Discussion on particular regimes

The Department advised the Committee that the transfers under Article 4.2 of Regulation 847/96, as published in Regulation 2022/1653 are included in the whitefish quota figures at



today's meeting. The list of stocks for transfer from 2021 to 2022 for Ireland in accordance with Article 15(9) CFP are not yet available.

Cod in area 6B

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 65.14% including expected carryover with 5t remaining including expected carryover amounts. There was discussion on whether to increase the regime or set some quota aside as currency for swaps. It was recommended that the regime could increase and have some available for swaps.

All agreed to recommend the regime to increase to 1/0.50 for November.

Haddock in area 6b (Rockall)

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 82.43% with 86 tonnes remaining. Following discussion, it was recommended that the regime would be increased 14/7.

All agreed to recommend that the regime should be reduced to 14/7 for November.

Monkfish in area 6

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 61.46% included expected carryover amounts with 282 tonnes remaining. Following discussion, it was recommended that the regime for November be increased to 18/9.

All agreed to support 18/9 for November.

Monkfish in area 7

Figures at today QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 78.24% with 795 tonnes remaining. It was recommended the regime for November should be increased to 16/8.

All agreed to support 16/8 for November.

Nephrops Area 7

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 81.03% with 1317 tonnes remaining for the year. There was discussion on the uptake figures where BIM Tie-up Scheme, fuel costs and the weather have affected the expected run rate. It was recommended the regime for November should increase to 24/12 for November.

All agreed to recommend the regime be increase to 24/12 for November.

Nephrops FU16



The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 73.25% with 435 tonnes remaining for the year. Following discussion, it was recommended to keep the regime for November at 8/4.

All agreed to recommend 8/4 for November.

Whiting in area 7b-k

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 53.17% with 1780 tonnes remaining for the year. There was discussion on how the fishery was managed this year. It was recommended to keep the regime for November at 60/30.

All agreed to support 60/30 for November

Mackerel Hook and Line

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake of 174.89t (43.72%). It was suggested that the management arrangements would need to be agreed early next year.

All agreed to recommend 5t for November.

Under 18 Mackerel

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake 57.50t (33.63%).

All agreed to recommend 2t for November.

7. Pelagic Issues

2022 North West Herring Autumn Fishery

The Department advised that booking in for the fishery closed on 14 October. 61 vessels have booked in and the lottery to select vessels will be held on Tuesday 25 October. The invite for the lottery will be sent to industry after today's meeting.

2022 Celtic Sea Herring Sentinel Fishery

The Department advised that booking in for the fishery closed on 14 October. 16 vessels have booked in and the lottery to select vessels will be held on Monday 24 October. The invite for the lottery will be sent out to industry after today's meeting.

Revised Mackerel and Horse Mackerel Catch limits

The Department advised the Committee that 952t of additional Mackerel and 887t of Horse Mackerel carried over from 2021 was made available to vessels last week.



Revised 2022 catch limits issued to RSW Pelagic, Tier 1 and Tier 2 Mackerel vessels and Horse Mackerel 29 vessels have issued.

Boarfish

The Department advised the Committee that in accordance with Article 15(9) of CFP Regulation 1380/2013, it is expected that Ireland will receive a carryover of unfished boarfish quota from 2021 to 2022 of 1151t. Four quota swaps have been carried out with other member states for a total of 253t. The remaining 898t is currently unallocated.

Industry representatives have recommended that the 898t be made available in accordance with the 2011 management scheme for Boarfish.

The Department will seek Ministerial approval to make 898 tonnes available in accordance with the 2011 management scheme for Boarfish.

8. Quota Balancing update:

Demersal QB

The Department advised Final Quota Balancing Statements have issued for the 2022 August Demersal Fisheries yesterday 18th October.

AOB

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The ISWFPO advised the Committee that he has been informed on a matter relating to Bluefin Tuna. The Department advised it will bring this information to the attention of the relevant area.

The next Quota Management meeting is scheduled for the 18th of November at 2.30pm

**Sea Fisheries Policy & Management Division
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