



Quota Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time	Friday 18 th November 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: 5 attendees Irish South and West Fish Producer Organisation (ISWFPO): 1 member
Members via videoconference	DAFM: 2 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 & East Fish Producer Organisation (ISEFPO): 1 member Irish Fish Processors and Exporters Association (IFPEA): 1 member Killybegs Fishermens Organisation (KFO): 1 member Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation (IIMRO): 1 member

1. Conflict of Interest

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

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes from the October QMAC meeting were circulated to QMAC members for comments before today's meeting. The Department advised of one observation received prior to the meeting. The Department accepted the amendment to the minutes.

The ISWFPO representative advised that he would like for further information to be included in the minutes of the October QMAC meeting and that he would send information to the Department in the coming days. The Department advised that the minutes of the meeting are written in summary form only.



Finally, the Department advised that it will publish the minutes of the October QMAC meeting on the Department's website when it is publishing the December Fisheries Management Notices.

3. 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:

Swap 1 – Netherlands

NL to IRL

92.50t ANF/07

IRL to NL

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

Swap 2 – Spain

ESP to IRL

21t ALB/AN05N

IRL to ESP

7t ALF/3X14

Swap 3 – Netherlands

NL to IRL

11t HKE/571214

IRL to NL

35t WHG/7X7A-C

Swap 4 – Belgium

BEL to IRL

20t ANF/07 (2023)
20t ANF/56-14 (2023)

IRL to BEL

100,000 kw/days demersal
effort BSA



Swap for discussion:

Swap 1 – UK

IRL to UK:

1t COD/5W6-14
30t ANF/56-14
50t POK/56-14

UK to IRL:

10t NEP/*07U16
100t. NEP/07.

This swap was received from the ISWFPO. This swap had been circulated to the QMAC members prior to the QMAC meeting. The Department received views from the KFO, ISWFPO, ISEFPO, IFPO, IFPEA and the IIMRO supporting this swap.

Following discussion, it was felt that Ireland will have excess quota over the allowable 10% carry over amount and recommended to try including 2023 quota in this swap and possibly Herring in area 4ab and Haddock in area 6a. The ISWFPO will revert to the UK PO to try to renegotiate this swap.

Other swap items discussed:

Crab effort BSA

It was agreed at the October QMAC meeting to review the crab uptake figures at the November QMAC meeting. There is 110t of mackerel set aside as currency if an inward swap of 20,000kW days is needed. This is based on the ratio from the previous swap this year. The SFPFA representative advised that, going on the best estimates currently available, the end of year figure will be close to the current amount of fishing effort of 83,198 Kw days. It was enquired if a small swap should be secured before the end of the year in order not to exceed the quota. The Department advised that swap can be carried out up until the 31st of January for this fishery and a swap can be carried out when the final landing figures are available.

It was recommended to continue to monitor the fishery and the 110t of mackerel remains set aside for a swap if this is required.

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.

The Department advised that the Danish administration has been contacted twice to query if the 350t Herring 4AB borrowed from Denmark in 2021 which was due to be repaid in 2022, could 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 that it awaits a response from the Danish administration on this matter.



The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 92.49% with 25 tonnes remaining for the year. The Department advised that if Denmark requires Ireland to transfer the 350 tonnes, the balance will have to be swapped in or taken from 2023 quota amount. The ISWFPO representative advised that he will contact his UK contact to try to secure a swap.

The Department advised that the landings of Herring in Area 4AB are a by-catch in the mackerel fishery in the North Sea and that planning in respect of quota for this by-catch will have to be carried out for 2023.

Norwegian COD (COD/1N2AB.)

The Department advised that they had contacted the French administration enquiring if they have 1.604t of COD/1N2AB to cover by catches available to swap. The Department is awaiting a reply from France.

Swaps with Belgium – Sole as commodity

The use of sole as a commodity for swapping with Belgium was discussed. The ISEFPO representative advised that he will review the sole quotas to see if a swap could be pursued with Belgium.

Essential swaps for 2023:

Herring area 4ab (HER/4AB.)

As above, this matter was discussed, and Ireland will need to try to obtain a swap to cover the by catch in 2023 mackerel fishery.

Saithe area 1 and 2b POK/1N2AB.

The Department advised that the Commission has closed the Saithe area 1 and 2b fishery for 2022. Ireland has an uptake of 28.81 tonnes and has obtained swaps from France to cover this by catch. The Department informed the committee that the uptake levels of Saithe in area 1 and 2b have been increasing over the past number of years. Following discussion, it was recommended to try to obtain a swap early in 2023 to cover potential by catches and to get a favourable rate. It is recommended to use COD/1N2AB as currency.



4. Whitefish - Discussion on particular regimes

Haddock in area 6A

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 94.19% with 93 tonnes remaining including contingency amounts. There was discussion on whether to increase the regime or set the same regime as last month. It was felt that swaps may be needed for this fishery and if a swap is secured any unused quota can be carried over to 2023. It was recommended that the regime should remain the same.

All agreed to recommend the regime of 24/12 for December.

Haddock in area 7b to k

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 83.51%. Following discussion, it was recommended that the regime would be increased to 21/14/7.

All agreed to recommend that the regime should be increased to 21/14/7 for December.

Monkfish in area 6

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 71.13% with 211 tonnes remaining. Following discussion, it was recommended that the regime for November be increased to 20/10.

All agreed to support 20/10 for December.

Monkfish in area 7

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 81.80% with 682 tonnes remaining. It was recommended the regime for December should be increased to 20/10.

All agreed to support 20/10 for December.

Nephrops Area 7

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 87.21% with 888 tonnes remaining for the year. There is a swap proposal for an additional 100t. There was a discussion on how to make the best use of the quota for this fishery considering that 10% of adapted quota can be carried forward and if Ireland will have an excess of quota that cannot be carried over to 2023. It was recommended that the regime for December should increase to 28/14 for November in order to try to make best use of the quota.

All agreed to recommend the regime be increase to 28/14 for December.

Nephrops FU16



The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 95.89% with 148 tonnes remaining including contingency for the year and a potential swap of 10 tonnes. Several committee members advised that their members asked for a small regime to be put in place. Following discussion, it was recommended to keep the fishery open for December at a reduced regime.

All agreed to recommend 4/2 for December.

Pollack Area 7

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 52.08% with 312 tonnes remaining for the year. Due to the low uptake in the fishery and Ireland not being able to carry over the remaining amount, the recommendation for December is an open fishery.

Mackerel Hook and Line

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake of 164.95t (41.24%).

All agreed to recommend 5t for December.

Under 18 Mackerel

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake 67.07t (39.22%).

All agreed to recommend 2t for December.

5. Pelagic Issues

2023 Atlantio Scandian Herring Fishery

The Department advised that the 2023 Atlantio Scandian Herring draw for vessels in the RSW Pelagic Segment took place on 22 September 2022 in KFO Offices. The names of the 5 RSW Pelagic vessels to be authorised in 2023 have been received by the Department. A rotation system is in place.

The KFO and IFPO have advised that they are happy to continue with the existing management arrangements for the 2023 Atlantio Scandian Herring Fishery.

At today's meeting, the Department asked the ISEFPO and the ISWFPO for their views for the management of the 2023 Fishery. Representatives advised that they are both willing to support a roll over of the 2022 arrangements for 2023.

The Department advised that subject to the approval of the Minister, it was now intended to start the booking in process to select a pair of polyvalent vessels to participate in the 2023 Fishery.



Polyvalent vessels will be asked to book in by close of business on 13th December with a lottery to select a pair of vessels to be held on 21 December 2022.

2022 Irish Sea Herring Fishery

The Department advised that the fishing period which was due to expire on 19th November has been extended to 3rd December. Revised authorisations were sent by e-mail to the licence holders on 14th November 2022.

2022 Celtic Sea Herring Sentinel Scientific Fishery

The Department advised that the 2022 fishery will open on 20th November. Vessels have been authorised in accordance with the approved management arrangements. Vessels over 38ft length overall have received 13.50t and vessels 30 to 38 ft have received 9t before quota balancing.

Fishing for Herring by EU vessels in the Norwegian EEZ in 2022

The Department reminded the meeting of an e-mail sent by the by the Department to the Producer organisations on 17th November advising that Norway had informed the EU Commission that the EU quota for Herring of 27 278 tonnes in the Norwegian Economic Zone north of 62° N (HER/*2AJMN) has almost been exhausted.

Access to fish in the NEAFC regulatory area in 2023

The Department advised that it was the intention to make an application via the EU Commission for 2023 access in respect of vessels currently authorised in 2022. The Department advised that the full list of vessels with access in 2022 was available to view on the North – East Atlantic Fisheries Commission (NEAFC) official website. The Department advised that it would be necessary for any new vessel or vessel changing ownership before the end of 2022 to make a new application. The Department outlined the process. It is a two-step process – step one requires Member States to submit a list of their vessels to the Commission which is then reviewed to ensure that all data requirements for access to the NEAFC area are met. Step two of the process then requires each member state to submit a 2nd list to apply for the Authorisations themselves. Last year the Commission advised that they had been informed by the NEAFC Secretariat that requests for authorisations could not be communicated with NEAFC until January. The Department has contacted the Commission regarding the procedure for submitting applications for 2023 and have asked if it will be the same process as last year. The Department await an update on same.

2023 Polyvalent Horse Mackerel



The Department advised that as the ICES advice for the stock for 2023 is for a zero-catch limit, there would be no booking in for polyvalent vessels. The matter will be revisited after the December Fisheries Council.

Access to UK Waters 2023

The Department advised at the October QMAC meeting that the Department emailed licenced holders whose vessels currently have access to the UK Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) 12 - 200 Nautical Miles and/or the Northern Ireland 0 - 6 Nautical Mile Zone to advise them that the Department would apply via the Commission, to the UK Authorities, to renew access for 2023, provided that their vessel is registered and holds a valid Irish sea-fishing boat licence.

The Department also wrote to licence holders whose vessels do not currently have access to UK waters, advising them that should they wish to apply for 2023 access, that application forms were to be submitted to us by Friday 4th November.

The Department has since submitted the requests for 2023 Access and await an update from the Commission.

The Department informed the QMAC where any further applications are received these will still be processed by this Department, however the Commission has advised that for licence requests submitted after their deadline, timely processing cannot be guaranteed in order to start fishing activities on the 1st January 2023.

6. Quota Balancing update:

Pelagic QB

The Department advised Final Quota Balancing statements in respect of the 2022 Albacore Tuna Fishery were issued to licence holders on Wednesday 16th November.

Demersal QB

The Department advised Final Quota Balancing Statements for the 2022 September Demersal Fisheries were also issued to relevant licence holders on Wednesday the 16th November.

AOB

The ISWFPO outlined concerns regarding catch composition. The Department advised that this matter should be directed to the SFPA as it is a control issue.

The next Quota Management meeting was scheduled for the 15th of December at 11.00m

**Sea Fisheries Policy & Management Division
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