

Joint AC Meeting

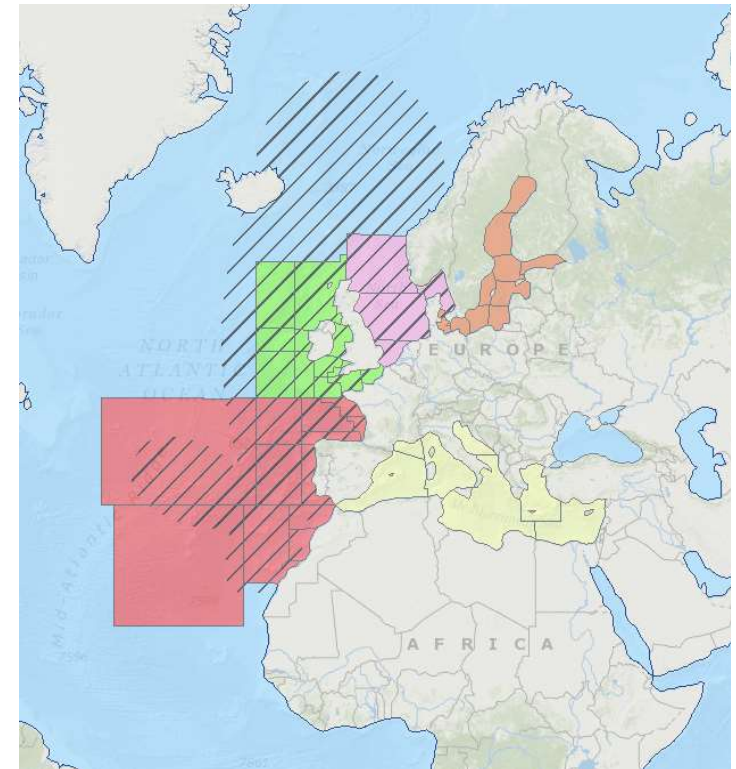
Impact of Brexit process
on the functioning and role of the Advisory Councils

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Pelagic Advisory Council

- Advice on management of pelagic fisheries and related issues (TACs, technical measures, LO...)
- Remit of 13 discrete pelagic stocks: herring, mackerel, horse mackerel, blue whiting and boarfish
- Several widely distributed stocks shared with other Coastal States (Iceland, Norway, Faroe Islands...)



Pelagic AC advice

Core activities: Science based advice

- ✓ Multi-annual management strategies
- ✓ TAC advice
- ✓ Data collection
- ✓ Contribution to scientific knowledge (e.g. Surveys, genetic stock identification projects...)

UK Membership very important

- 11 of the 12 stocks under PELAC remit are shared with the UK
- Scotland has highest fishing allocation for NEA mackerel
- Scottish waters highly productive for mackerel, herring, blue whiting



Brexit: Challenges Pelagic AC

- Without UK membership, the PELAC loses a large area of its remit and some of its most important stakeholders
- Much of the PELAC work (multiannual plans, scientific projects etc) may become less relevant
- Possible negative consequences for sustainable management of shared stocks with the UK
- Influence may be greatly reduced: UK becomes yet another Coastal State to negotiate fishing opportunities with
- Collaboration Regional Groups: How will Brexit change their role?

Retaining Involvement of UK stakeholders & government after Brexit is key.



Opportunities Pelagic AC*

- Safeguarding long term management strategies as a collaborative strategy beneficial to all parties
- Expand remit to other pelagic stocks (North Sea, the South...)
- Leader new scientific projects
- Adapting structure to improve uptake of advice
- Need to respect EU rules for EU market access as for Norway calls for continued UK involvement in ACs?

**Based on scenario as outlined in UK white paper: UK as Coastal State*



Possible Future models Pelagic AC

- Options to expand stakeholder forum to supra-regional level including third country stakeholders

Pelagic Forum	Reshaping Working groups	NEAFC- AC
<p>Keep current PELAC structure and create umbrella organisation with non-EU stakeholders which meets 2-3 times a year to discuss scientific research and shared management of pelagic stocks</p>	<p>Redefine/restructure existing PELAC working groups:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Some WGs deal with particular stocks to develop shared management strategies, open to all countries - Other WGs deal with EU policies or non-shared stocks, exclusively open to EU stakeholders 	<p>Advisory Council comprising all coastal states for most important widely distributed stocks: E.g. NEA mackerel, NS herring, Atlanto-Scandic herring, blue whiting</p>



Thank you!

