An Roinn Talmhaíochta,
Bia agus Mara
Department of Agriculture,
Food and the Marine

Quota Management Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes

Date and Time	Wednesday 21st September 2022 at 10am
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: 3 attendees Sea Fisheries Protection Authority (SFPA): 1 attendee **Industry Representatives:** 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 and 1 observer 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.

The Department thanked QMAC members who had submitted updated declaration of interest forms and asked members that hadn't to submit their forms as soon as possible.

2. Items added to the Agenda

The ISWFPO representative asked that VMEs (Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems) would be added to the Agenda for discussion under AOB. It was agreed that this would be discussed separately once the QMAC meeting had finished.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The draft minutes from the August 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 October Fishery Management Notices.

4. Timeliness of data for QMAC meetings

There was a discussion during the meeting regarding the timeliness of the delivery of the whitefish sheets in advance of QMAC meetings. The SFPA advised of the method used in gathering the uptake data to ensure that the best balance is achieved between accuracy and timeliness for the QMAC meetings. Industry representatives agreed that they were prepared to get the figures at a later stage (allowing less time for review in advance of the meeting) to ensure the uptake figures are as up to date as possible.

5. Swaps

The Department advised that the following swaps had been completed since the last QMAC meeting and the figures for swap 1 were included in the white fish sheets.

Completed swaps:

Swap 1 – France

IRL to FRA:
10t COD/5BE6A
20t POK/56-14
10t SOL/7HJK.
40t WHG/56-14
14t GHL/2A-C46
24t BSF/567121-
95t RNG/5B67-
15t BOR/678-

FRA to IRL:
70t NEP/07.
70t NEP/*07U16.

Swap 2 – 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 3 – UK

UK to IRL:
4t NEP/*07U16.
40t HAD/7X7A34

IRL to UK:
3t COD/7XAD34.
35t WHG/7X7AD34

Swap 2 and 3 have been sent to the Commission but were not included in the whitefish figures as they haven't yet been transferred on Fides. The swap will be finalised and published on Thursday 29th September.

Swap for discussion:

Swap 1 – UK

The Department had received the following proposal from the AFPO that was discussed with the ISWFPO.

IRL to UK:
100t MAC/2CX14-
100t MAC/*4A-UK
4t COD/5BE6A
0.5t COD/5w6-14

UK to IRL:
50t NEP/*07U16

The AFPO stated that they were urgently looking for 0.5t of Rockall Cod in 6B to avoid a choke issue and having to close a fishery. The ISWFPO advised that the swap also included Nephrops in area 7 but would check with the AFPO and update the Department. Following discussion, the recommendation was to agree the swap even if it didn't include the Nephrops in area 7 as FU16 Nephrops is required to have a fishery for the later months of the year.

The Department will advise the Commission of this swap when the ISWFPO provides the clarity on the area 7 Nephrops.

Swap 2 – France

ISEFPO advised that they were in discussions regarding a swap of 11t Nephrops in area FU16 and Plaice in area 7DE.

The Department advised Ireland has an uptake of 1.82t of plaice in area 7DE and the SFPA has advised that it could increase by 1 to 3t. Ireland has no quota in that area. The ISEFPO advised of the stocks the French PO was looking for in return of the Nephrops and Plaice. The Department advised that Ireland has 10t Undulate Ray (RJU/7DE>) and 46t Horse Mackerel in the channel (JAX/4BC76) available for swaps.

Swap 3 – UK

The KFO sent in the following swap proposal, and it had been sent out to industry prior to the meeting.

IRL to UK:	**UK to IRL:**
100t POK/56-14	20t NEP/07.
28t BLI/5B67	20t NEP/*07U16
	40t HAD/6B1214

All supported the swap at the meeting and the Department will send the swap to the Commission to try get it included in round 6 of swap with the UK.

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). Ireland still must transfer 350t to Denmark for 2021 quota swap. There was discussion on the repayment of the 350t to Denmark. The stand-in representative of the KFO advised that there was no update from the KFO but would get the person dealing with the swap to contact the Department directly with an update.

Albacore Tuna (ALB/AN05N)

Previous estimates provided by the SFPA in August showed that the fishery had an excess of the order of 250 tonnes. The uptake figures at today's meeting showed the excess was now 131 tonnes. The SFPA advised that last month's uptake figure included open trips whereas this month's figure is the final declaration.

Crab effort BSA

It was agreed to review the crab effort at this month's QMAC meeting to discuss if a swap is needed for this fishery. The SFPA provided the up-to-date figures and advised that they estimate that the fishery would have final figures of around 80,000 kW days for 2022. The Department advised the current quota for the crab in the BSA is 83,198 kW days. The ISWFPO representative advised that members of the ISWFPO requested a swap be carried out in order to guarantee a fishery in December for the Christmas market. The KFO stand-in representative advised it has been informed that efforts will ramp up towards the end of the year.

There was discussion on how much should be looked for in a swap. It was recommended to review the figures at the October QMAC with the more up-to-date figures after the peak of the fishery.

The recommendation was to hold 110t of mackerel in order to swap in 20,000 kW days if needed based on the ratio from the previous swap this year.

By catch stock with no quota.

The Department advised Ireland will need to arrange swaps for the following stocks. Ireland has uptake levels for these stocks and has no quota available. The Department advised that the Commission would enforce the deduction regulation on any stock that has more than 0.5t. Industry will seek to obtain swaps for the listed stocks.

Stock	Uptake	By catch in following fishery
COD/1N2AB	1.604t	herring
POK/2C3A4	0.881t	mackerel
SOL/07D	0.559t	scallops
WHB/24-N	0.249t	herring

6. **Tie up Scheme**

The Department advised that 38 over 55ft boats and 11 under 55ft boats have applied for the Tie-up Scheme. This would be taken into consideration when recommending quotas for October.

7. **Whitefish - Discussion on particular regimes**

Cod in area 6A

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 75.81% including carryover with 33t remaining including 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 also have some available for swaps.

All agreed to recommend the regime to increase to 4/2 for October.

Megrim in area 6

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 54.88% including carryover with 325t remaining including carryover amounts. There was a discussion on if this regime could be increased now instead of later in year as industry representatives have received views from their members.

All agreed to recommend the regime to increase to 30/15 for October.

Megrim in area 7

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 47.63% including carryover with 1650t remaining including carryover amounts. There was a discussion on if this regime could be increased now instead of later in year as industry representatives have received views from their members.

All agreed to recommend the regime to increase to 30/15 for October.

Haddock in area 6b (Rockall)

Figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 91.48% including carryover with 38t remaining including carryover amounts. Following discussions, it was recommended that the regime would need to be reduced.

All agreed to recommend that the regime should be reduced to 8/4 for October.

Monkfish in area 6

There was discussion as to whether the regime should be set at 12/6 or 10/5. Industry recommended that the regime for October should be increased to the lower of the two options (10/5) as the price for this stock will be better at the end of the year.

All agreed to recommend the regime to increase to 10/5 for October.

Nephrops in area 6

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 93.25% including carryover with 12t remaining including carryover amounts. It was agreed by all to recommend that the small regime put in place for the month of September should be increased in October.

There was a request that the under 55ft boats should receive the same catch limit as the over 55ft boats to be consistent with the regime of 0.50/0.50 in September.

All agreed to recommend 1/1 for October.

Nephrops Area 7

The figures at today's QMAC meeting showed an uptake of 77.45% including carryover with 1,547 tonnes including carryover amounts remaining for the year. There was discussion on the potential for increasing the regime in October given the remaining quota and the quota coming in from agreed swaps.

All agreed to recommend the regime be increase to 20/10 for October.

Nephrops FU16

All agreed to recommend that the fishery would open for October. Based on the inward quota swaps agreed for the fishery, a recommendation of 8/4 was agreed by Industry for the October fishery.

There was discussion on the proposed case to the Commission to review the annex to the Technical Measures Regulation to amend the timing of the closure of FU 16 sub area

of 7. Industry representatives advised that they hoped to have the meeting in September to examine how the annual nephrops quota including the Porcupine is managed. This has been postponed until January due to difficulty in getting a room big enough to hold the meeting and to allow fishers to prosecute the porcupine in November/December. DAFM agreed to seek a suitable room in the MI to assist.

Mackerel Hook and Line

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake of 165.70t (41.43%).

All agreed to recommend 5t for September.

Under 18 Mackerel

The figures at today's meeting showed an uptake 54.18t (32.25%).

All agreed to recommend 2t for September.

8. **Pelagic Issues**

2022 Celtic Sea Herring Sentinel (Scientific)

The Department advised that the closing date for booking in for the 2022 Celtic Sea Herring Sentinel Fishery is 14th October 2022. The fishery is opened to vessels less than 17m Length overall and will be confined to the "Dunmore Box" (ICES Sub-Area 7aS). The lottery, if required, to select vessels to operate in the fishery is fixed for October 24th.

2022 North West Herring (Scientific) Autumn Fishery

The Department advised that, subject to the approval of the Minister, it is taking bookings in for the 2022 North West Herring Autumn Fishery, with a closing date of 14th October 2022. The lottery to select vessels to operate in the fishery is fixed for 25th October.

9. **Quota Balancing update:**

Demersal QB

The Department advised Final Quota Balancing Statements have issued for the 2022 July Demersal Fisheries.

Pelagic QB

The Department advised it will begin quota balancing the 2022 Albacore Tuna Fishery shortly.

AOB

There was nothing discussed under this item.

The next Quota Management meeting is scheduled for the 19th of October at 2.30pm

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