

The North Sea Regional Advisory Council



Communications Protocol
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Agreed protocol

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Relevant Rules of Procedure

5. *The activities of the NSRAC shall be open and transparent. The NSRAC shall disseminate full and timely reports on all its activities to its members and others. Reports of each meeting of the General Assembly and Executive Committee will be placed on the NSRAC's website within 14 days of the meeting taking place. The General Assembly shall be open to the public. The meetings of the Executive Committee shall be open to the public unless decided otherwise by a majority of the Executive Committee*

17. *The Executive Committee shall prepare an annual report and an annual strategic plan for the members of the General Assembly which shall be approved by the General Assembly at its annual meeting and forwarded to the Commission, Member States and the Advisory Committee on Fisheries and Aquaculture (ACFA). Recommendations adopted by the Executive Committee shall be made available immediately to the General Assembly, the Commission, concerned Member States, the European Parliament, ACFA and, upon request, to any member of the public. Members of the General Assembly may comment upon the activities of the Executive Committee and raise issues of relevance to the Advisory Council at that General Assembly or at any time through the Secretariat.*

43. *The Secretariat shall liaise with the Rapporteur and Chairperson of the NSRAC, and the Rapporteurs and Chairmen of Working Groups to produce timely and accurate reports on the NSRAC's activities. The Secretariat shall maintain a web-site for the NSRAC.*

45. *To further the objects of the NSRAC, The Secretariat shall maintain a register of members, and may, with the approval of the Executive Committee:*
 - *cause to be prepared and printed or otherwise reproduced and circulated, free of charge or for payment, such papers, books, periodicals, pamphlets*

or other documents, films, recorded tapes or other electronic media as shall further the objects of the NSRAC;

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1. Documents, pictures, videos and slides, including papers, reports and press releases, power-point shows and other media which carry the name or logo of the NSRAC shall be issued only with the approval of the Secretariat.
2. Members are encouraged to disseminate, in their own language, any material issued from the NSRAC which already has the approval of the Secretariat. However, if any material is added to the translation it must be made clear that the additional material is not from the NSRAC.
3. Members of the Excom may express in public **their own** opinions on the work of NSRAC. If a comment is required from the NSRAC itself the request must be forwarded to the Secretariat
4. Members of the Excom and Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the NSRAC shall not claim to present the views of the NSRAC itself, or the views of other members.
5. Press releases or statements regarding NSRAC activities may be issued by the members of the Excom provided it is made clear that the material issued does not represent the views of the NSRAC itself but only those of the organisation issuing it. They must be **about** the NSRAC, rather than **from** the NSRAC.