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NSAC 2015, the Year Ahead

This year will be a very important year for the NSAC and its members. Throughout the year NSAC will continue to actively contribute to the **implementation of the reformed Common Fisheries Policy** working closely with the European Commission and responding actively to all consultations. NSAC are readily available to give advice and participate in preparing, implementing and delegating regulations.

We have a huge challenge to prepare for the introduction of the **Landings Obligation** in January 2016. As we prepare our advice we will have to consider quota uplift, flexibilities, survival rates and de minimis provisions. The role of scientific research will continue to inform our decision making and it will be ever more important for us to work closely with our scientific colleagues to consider the development of selectivity trials and gear developments.

Last year we were invited to participate and present to the **Scheveningen Group** of fisheries Directors and related technical groups. We look forward to continuing this relationship during 2015.

Alongside our Landings Obligation work we will also continue to develop **Long Term Management Plans (LTMP)** for key species within the North Sea. We plan to publish our Nephrops LTMP early in the year and have commenced work on a Mixed Species LTMP for the North Sea which will also include our position and advice for cod management. To achieve this we will work closely with our scientific colleagues who regularly attend our meetings. We also look forward to continuing our work with the MAREFRAME and MYFISH projects as well as starting work on the new Horizon 2020 projects.

Marine Spatial Planning continues to be an area of increasing importance for our members. We will continue to keep up to date with the development and implementation of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Natura 2000 Directives that relate to fisheries.

All of these activities will only be possible by continuing to strengthen our links with scientists, member states, Members of the European Parliament and other organisations out with the EU. We look forward to a challenging and productive year.

Niels Wichmann
NSAC Executive Committee Chairman

NSAC General Assembly

The NSAC has appointed a new Chairman of the General Assembly. Guus Pastoor was elected at the annual General Assembly which was held in Stockholm on 23rd September 2014.



Guus Pastoor

Guus is the President of the AIPCE-CEP, representing the interests of European fish processors. Guus is a board member of the Seafood Importers Alliance (SIPA). At national level he is president of the Dutch Fish Federation. Guus has been an active member of the NSAC for over 10 years and is a Director of the NSAC.

Our thanks to our outgoing chairman, Jan Willem Winjstroom. Jan Willem has been our General Assembly Chairman for the last 5 years and has undertaken this role with great commitment, fairness and intellect.

NSAC Advice Published

Since our last newsletter our members have published the following advice and policy documents;

Phasing the Implementation of the EU Landings Obligation for the Demersal Fisheries of the North Sea.

[1-1415 2014 12 08 Phasing LO for Demersal in NS](#)

NSAC Response to Drift Net Ban

[12-1314 2014 08 01 Response to drift net ban](#)

NSAC Response to Fishing Opportunities 2015 consultation

[13-1314 2014 0926 Response to Fish Opps 2015](#)

NSAC Welcomes New Members

We have appointed 3 new members to our Executive Committee; Client Earth, Marine Conservation Society and Environmental Defence Fund have joined strengthening the representation on our non-fishing interest members.

If your organisation is interested in joining NSAC as a member of the General Assembly please contact admin@nsrac.org for further information, or visit our website to review the range of meetings and subjects we are currently working on www.nsrac.org.

Forthcoming NSAC Meetings

Forthcoming NSAC meetings planned are;

Demersal Working Group, 4th February 2015, Copenhagen
Executive Committee, 11th March 2015, Copenhagen
Executive Committee, 22/23th September 2015
General Assembly, 23rd September 2015

Full details of these meetings and links to registration are on the NSAC website.

<http://nsrac.org/category/meetings/>

Observers are welcome to attend.

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