The NSAC and the PELAC were invited to participate in the meeting in the Scheveningen Technical Group on 11 February 2021 between 15.00-16.00.

Peter Ronelöv Olsson and Kenn Skau Fischer participated on behalf on the NSAC.

The Netherlands were chairing the Scheveningen Group in 2021 and the meeting had been used to set work programme, the expected agenda and calendar for the year.

The NSAC has received a copy of the meeting calendar.

As usual any work regarding the discard plan would have to be finalized at the end of April.

Work on technical measures was also foreseen – not only as the Commission had circulated a questionnaire regarding the state of play of the measures (also send to the ACs) but certainly work would still have to be done regarding implementing measures. One issue that the Scheveningen Group would have to deal with was the definition of directed fisheries, especially regarding the fisheries for plaice. The group was interested in getting input from the NSAC and they would also look at the work on plaice in the NWW.

Meetings in the Control Group were also foreseen.

Work on MPAs was also foreseen, however normally meetings on these took normally place in ad hoc groups in the Scheveningen Group and not in the technical group.

The Scheveningen Group also stated that they certainly would be willingly to look into matters arising from the AC’s.

The Scheveningen group did not expect to start on any work in the coming month regarding the revision of the CFP.

The NSAC representatives stated that they were looking forward to continue the good cooperation with the Scheveningen group. It was also stated that it was in the interest of all that the NSAC was given sufficient time to give advice on the work of the Scheveningen Group.

The NSAC had established a focus group on technical measures to deal with the questionnaire from the Commission and to contribute to the discussion on the definitions of directed fisheries. The response on the questionnaire would be send to the Scheveningen group for information.
The NSAC would as usual form a Landing Obligation Focus Group to look into the matters of the Discard Plan 2022.

The NSAC informed about the recent advice on REM and CCTV that had been send to the Scheveningen Group.