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South East Atlantic Fisheries Organisation (SEAFO)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC) - 2020

CHAIRPERSON: Mr. Åge Høines (Norway 2019 - 2021)

VENUE: Correspondence

VICE-CHAIR: Mr. Granville Louw (SA 2019 - 2021)

DATE: 17-20 November 2019

NOTE: Please note that actions that will take place or will be required during the correspondence meeting are in **RED**

(If the Chairperson is not available at any specified time, the Executive Secretary will stand in to keep the meeting going according to the scheduled times)

1. Opening of the meeting

The Chairperson will open the meeting by email on the 17th November at 8:00 (GMT+1).

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

The Executive Secretary will be the rapporteur.

3. Adoption of agenda and meeting arrangements

The list of documents, agenda and annotated agenda will be available to members **one month before the meeting** ([DOC/SC/00/2020](#), [DOC/SC/01/2020](#) & [DOC/SC/02/20](#)).

The agenda ([DOC/SC/01/2020](#)) will be shared on Google Docs on the 17th November at 8:00 (GMT +1) and comments will be taken until 9:00 (GMT +1). A no response will count as AGREED and the circulated agenda will be adopted.

Registered delegates (as nominated by the Heads of Delegations) will be informed of any practical arrangements for the meeting by the Executive Secretary on the 17th November 2020 by email between 8:00 and 9:00 GMT.

4. Introduction of Delegates

The Executive Secretary will announce the registered participants attending the meeting on the 17th November 2020 by email between 8:00 and 9:00 GMT.

5. Review 2020 work program

The Executive Secretary will send out reminder emails early during 2021 to remind the responsible members of the various tasks to be completed for the next physical SC meeting. No discussion will be done during the correspondence meeting

SC listed the following tasks for 2020

- Continue work by the working group (Secretariat, Namibia and EU) to collect and collate all available orange roughy data and analyse CPUE.

- Collect samples of orange roughy in the Namibian EEZ, South African EEZ and SEAFO CA for genetic comparison at the University of Stellenbosch. Mr. Granville Louw to draft a guideline protocol for the collection and storage of genetics samples.
- Task team to prepare the survey plan for the 2020 EAF Nansen Survey and to give feedback from the 2019 & 2020 Nansen surveys (final and preliminary reports, respectively) at the next SC meeting.
- South Africa to continue with the orange roughy data (catch depths & length frequencies) analysis for catches recorded in the EEZ.
- Draft guidelines for using scientific data (video footage & survey counts) in the determination of threshold limits of VME encounters in relation to guidelines in other RFMOs and scientific bodies – assigned to ES.

6. Report by the ES presenting landing tables updated to 31 September 2020

The landings, incidental by-catches, and discard tables, updated to 31 September 2020 (DOC/SC/03/2020), will be available one month before the meeting. Note that updates have been made to the 2019 figures for a fishing trip that was conducted during October 2019.

The landing tables (DOC/SC/03/2020) will be shared Google Docs on 17th November between 8:00 and 9:00 (GMT +1) and comments will be taken until 2:00 (GMT +1) on 18th November.

7. Review spatial and temporal distribution of fishing activity and biological data

The catches and spatial distribution of non-benthic species as reported by the fishing vessels in 2019/2020 (DOC/SC/04/2020) will be available one month before the meeting. If members have any comments or questions on this, they can email the Chairperson CC/ Executive Secretary during the period from 17-18 November.

8. Review the spatial distribution of reported catches of benthic organisms (corals, sponges, etc.)

The spatial distribution of benthic organisms as reported by the fishing vessels in 2019/2020 (DOC/SC/04/2020) will be available one month before the meeting.

If members have any comments or questions on this, they can email the Chairperson CC/ Executive Secretary during the period from 17-18 November.

9. Review the Stock Status Reports

During the 2019 SC meeting, tasks were assigned to various members to update the Stock Status reports intersessionally. No discussion will be done during the correspondence meeting. The ES will send reminder emails to the members responsible for the tasks below to be ready for the 2021 meeting.

See the tasks listed below:

- Patagonian toothfish: Make length-frequency graphs more legible, align x-axes for all graphs and include modal length on individual graphs to easily view size changes across years – assigned to Dr. Tsutomu Nishida. (DONE)
- ALL STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Standardize maps across Stock Status Reports (preferably design an R-script for catch positions and hexagonal aggregations of catch totals per year) – assigned to Mr. Erich Maletzky.
- ALL STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Standardize referencing across Stock Status Reports – assigned to Executive Secretary. (Referencing was sent to members. Will be sent during 2021 again as reminder)
- STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Update & validate Alfonsino (BYS) Stock Status Reports catch maps and tables (3, 4 & 5) – assigned to Dr. Arved Staby. (DONE)
- STOCKS STATUS REPORTS: Standardize and update all tables in the Pelagic armourhead (EDR) Stock Status Reports – assigned to Mr. Granville Louw.

10. Review Total Allowable Catches and related Management conditions for Patagonian toothfish, Alfonsino, Pelagic armourhead, Orange roughy and Deep-sea Red Crab.

It was agreed to keep the TAC and management conditions unchanged for the 2021 fishing season and to review it during the next physical meeting.

A recommendation on this will be made to the Commission.

11. Adoption of the report

Members will review and adopt the 2020 SC report.

The report will be shared on the 19th November at 8:00 (GMT+1) by using Google Docs and members can add suggested changes and/or comments until 02:00 (GMT+1) on 19th November. After the changes have been affected, the report will be shared again for adoption on the 19th November at 8:00 (GMT+1) until 9:00 (GMT+1) and forwarded to the Commission.

12. Closure of the meeting

The Chairperson will close and adjourn the meeting by email after the Meeting Report has been adopted.