



Council Meeting

October 2014

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Agenda Item 1

Follow-up from 101st Council Meeting

The meeting is invited to review the follow-up from the 2013 Council meeting.

| Item # (from the Council (101) minutes) | Description/Action | Follow-up (Agenda Item # (AI), refer to the Annotated Council Agenda) |
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| 2 | <p>Council unanimously approved the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014–2018. The Secretariat will make the minor edits and include the additional points suggested by the Council. A final version will be uploaded to the ICES website by the end of 2013.</p> <p>Council mandated the Bureau to approve the associated plans for Data and Information, Science, Advice, and Secretariat at the Bureau's February 2014 meeting. The four associated plans will implement the ICES Strategic Plan.</p> | <p>ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 and the Implementation Plan (<i>Implementing the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014-2018 Linking Science, Advice, Data and Information, and Secretariat</i>) are available on ICES website (www.ices.dk/strategy).</p> <p>Letters were sent to Council 6 February and 2 September 2014 from ICES President informing on progress and final deliverables</p> <p>Implementation progress to be reviewed under AI #2</p> |
| 2 | <p>Following the special Bureau meeting in January 2014, the associated plans will be circulated to Council for review. Any review comments on these plans will subsequently be considered by the Bureau at its February 2014 meeting.</p> | <p>A letter was sent to Council 6 February 2014 from ICES President explaining the need for additional time (ownership, linkages between Science, Advice, Data and Information, and Secretariat)</p> <p>A letter was sent to Council 5 May 2014 from ICES President requesting comments to the draft Associated Plan/Implementation Plan</p> <p>Implementation progress to be reviewed under AI #2</p> |
| 2 | <p>The ICES Strategic Plan and associated plans will be launched at a public event in March 2014.</p> | <p>A letter was sent 14 May from ICES President informing on the launch of the ICES Strategic Plan, 2014–2018 at the Norwegian Mission to EU in Brussels in connection with the EU HOPE Conference (Healthy Oceans – Productive Ecosystems)</p> |
| 3 | <p>Council agreed that the CSG MSFD should</p> | <p>Progress to be reviewed under AI #3 and AI</p> |

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| | <p>continue its work, with a focus on the organization of ICES work to ensure that significant contributions are made to the integrated ecosystem approach.</p> <p>A top-down approach via CSG MSFD and Bureau should be used to enact necessary changes in the survey planning groups, as well as other relevant groups.</p> <p>Council noted that it is important that CSG MSFD interact with Bureau and in the development of the associated plans.</p> <p>The letter to Marine Directors will be revised to include a clear summary of the key messages, emphasizing that additional work will require additional resources. The importance of pooling of expert resources using integrated monitoring should be highlighted. The Secretariat will ensure timely submission of the letter.</p> | <p>#7.3.1</p> <p>The draft Implementation Plan was submitted to CSG MSFD for comments, cf. above mentioned letter by ICES President of 5 May.</p> <p>The letter from the President to EU on <i>ICES contribution to the Common Implementation Strategy for the EU Marine Strategy Framework Directive</i> was submitted on 8 November 2013. ICES has been recognized as an important player for the MSFD implementation, with an invitation to the meeting of the Marine Directors as well as continued cooperation and inclusion in tasks under the EU MoU.</p> |
| 4 | <p>The Council agreed to establish a Council Working Group on Maritime Transatlantic Cooperation (CWGMTC) to be chaired by First Vice President Cornelius Hammer. The Group will prepare a paper that will outline what ICES can contribute in terms of Trans-Atlantic cooperation. The Group will initially work by correspondence, and then hold a meeting in April 2014 at ICES Headquarters. The report of the CWGMTC will be presented at the June 2014 Bureau meeting, with the aim of developing a discussion paper for consideration at the October 2014 Council meeting. Terms of Reference will be developed for approval by Council. The following countries volunteered to participate: Canada, Denmark, France, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Portugal, United Kingdom, and the United States.</p> | <p>Terms of Reference was agreed by Council via e-mail correspondence by the end of 2013 and work was carried out under the chairmanship of Cornelius Hammer, with a meeting in ICES Headquarters on 23-24 April.</p> <p>To be covered under AI #4</p> |
| 5.1 | <p>Prior to the 2014 Council meeting, the Bureau will review the Rules of Procedure to determine if there are explicit rules regarding the need to vote on an alternate (0%) budget, if the budget as recommended by Finance Committee is not accepted. The Bureau will also consider the implications of a 0% increase in contributions (as this has now occurred for the fifth time in six years).</p> <p>The Council approved a new Science Fund for the year 2014, with a maximum amount of 500,000 DKR. The Fund is cost-neutral and financed from the Strategic Investment Fund.</p> | <p>To be covered under AI #5.1.1.</p> <p>The Rules of Procedure do not contain any specific rules regarding the approval and voting process for budget.</p> <p>Article 14, 2 of the Convention must therefore apply to all decisions related to budget, forecast as well as proposed budget, including a 2% increase or a stable budget. Thus there is always a requirement for a 2/3 majority vote for the annual budget.</p> <p>A letter was sent to Council 31 July explaining the consequences of continued stable level of</p> |

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| | Based on the experience from the first year, Bureau will recommend to Council whether this fund should continue in 2015. If the fund continues, it will require a special accounting and budget line that will require Council approval. The Secretariat will soon announce a call for research proposals to be supported by the 2014 science fund. Further information will be made available on the ICES website. | contributions and subsequent loss of income to ICES |
| 5.2 | First Vice-President Cornelius Hammer will further develop the ICES Risk Register, and present an initial risk management strategy for consideration by the Bureau at its February 2014 meeting | The Risk Register has been further developed by the First Vice-President Cornelius Hammer, and is now a permanent feature in the Bureau agenda. |
| 7.1.2 | The Council noted that while many activities had been accomplished in support of the joint ACOM/SCICOM scientific strategic initiatives, differences existed in the pace of work among the initiatives. The Bureau will review some specific issues related to SIBAS if these issues have not been resolved by the February 2014 Bureau meeting. | A solution to the issues was found and an ACOM Vice-Chair, Mark Tasker, was appointed. |
| 7.1.3 | The recent selection procedure for new Science and Advisory Committee Chairs revealed ambiguity in the Rules of Procedure, and the need for a unified interpretation for use by both committees. The Bureau will prepare a document providing a unified interpretation of the Rules of Procedure in selecting new Science and Advisory Chairs, and submit this document for approval at the October 2014 Council meeting. | To be covered under AI #12.2 |
| 7.2 | Pending the outcome of the Secretariat consultations, the Bureau may have to approach Council in January 2014 and request that the Council actively canvass for a host for the 2015 ASC. | To be covered under AI #7.2 following the Council approval for use of equity for the hosting of ASC in Copenhagen in 2015 |
| 8.1.1 | At its February 2014 meeting, the Bureau will look at lessons learned from the mackerel assessment and the advice for 2014, and review the various issues and problems and develop possible solutions. | To be covered under AI #8.1 |
| 8.1.1 | At its February 2014 meeting, the Bureau will consider the matter of workload sharing in ACOM as part of the broader resource management theme, including the organization of Advisory Services and the ICES advisory | To be covered under AI #8.1 and 8.1.4 |

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| 8.1.4 | At its February 2014 meeting, the Bureau will review the MoU negotiations and identify strategies to improve the negotiation process, including how to develop a longer-term MoU. | To be covered under AI #8.1.3 |
| 8.1.5 | <p>Council agreed that the development of the ICES Resource Coordination Tool is a good way to start addressing many of the issues concerning resource allocation and work planning. The tool will allow a more informed discussion with/among the providers of experts, users, and those requesting advice. A demonstration of the RCT will be conducted in 2014, with full implementation in autumn 2014 corresponding to the beginning of the 2015 advisory work planning process.</p> <p>Progress will be reviewed at the October 2014 Council meeting. During 2014, there will be continued close contact with EFARO (in its capacity as a resource provider) and through the participation of President Paul Connolly in the 2014 EFARO General Assembly where he will inform EFARO on the advances that ICES has made using the RCT.</p> | <p>To be covered under AI #8.1.4</p> <p>The General Secretary provided an update on the development of the RCT at the 2014 EFARO General Assembly.</p> |
| 9 | <p>The Head of Data and Information, Neil Holdsworth, will provide Council with reports from DIS on EMOD-net meetings. A list of data held at ICES will be made available to Council.</p> <p>DIG will look into de-centralization of data and how to provide access to such data staying "at source".</p> | <p>The information was provided via e-mail on 24 October 2013.</p> <p>To be covered under AI #9</p> |
| 10 | The Secretariat will develop a draft outline of an ICES position paper around common monitoring for MSFD, NATURA2000, and CFP related data. A draft document will be circulated for Council approval in early 2014. | To be covered under AI #7.3.1 |

