

BSAC Ecosystem Based Management Working Group
Friday 17th February 2023; 09:00 – 14:30 (CET);
Online through Zoom¹

Zoom link for the meeting:

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DRAFT Agenda – v3

- 1. Welcome by the Ecosystem Based Management WG Chair, Nils Höglund**
– 9:00-9:05
- 2. Formalities for the start of the meeting - 9:05-9:10**
Apologies and adoption of the agenda
- 3. Report from the previous EBM WG – 9:10-9:20**
Summary of where we are at and what is the objective of the meeting – by Chair
[Summary of previous EBM WG discussion](#); [Background paper](#)
- 4. Offshore windfarms effects on the ecosystem, fish stocks and fisheries**
 - a. Presentation of the Overview of the effects of offshore wind farms on fisheries and aquaculture: final report² - 9:20-9:40**
- Gert van Hoey, ILVO - Confirmed
 - b. Questions and discussion - 9:40-10:00**
- 5. Fishing in offshore windfarms**
 - a. Presentation of MSP forum recommendations on fishing within offshore windfarms³ - 10:00-10:20**
- Frédérick Herpers, MSP Forum - Confirmed
 - b. Questions - 10:20-10:35**
 - c. Discussion - 10:35-11:00**
 - Rules for fishing implemented in different Members States and the pros/cons of further harmonisation the legal provisions
 - How to deal with fishing effort displacement from prohibited areas?

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² European Commission, European Climate, Infrastructure and Environment Executive Agency, Van Hoey, G., Bastardie, F., Birchenough, S., et al., Overview of the effects of offshore wind farms on fisheries and aquaculture : final report, Publications Office, 2021, <https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2826/63640>

³ <https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/sector-information/offshore-wind-and-fisheries>

- What challenges exist for fishing operations in OWF areas? (spacing, legal requirements, insurance)?

Break - 11:00-11:15

- 6. Stakeholders (Fisheries/OIG) perspectives - 11:15-11:30**
- Johanna Fox, WWF – Confirmed

7. Conflict resolution and compensation

- a. Presentation of the MSP forum recommendations on avoiding and resolving conflicts⁴ - 11:30-11:45**

- Frédérick Herpers, MSP Forum – Confirmed

- b. Questions - 11:45-12:00**

- c. Discussion on compensation fund and other conflict resolution mechanisms - 12:00-12:30**

A compensation fund at regional level was proposed and needs to be further discussed by the WG. Conditions for implementing such a fund should be further discussed:

- Who should benefit from this fund?
- What should it be used for?
- Who should be responsible for its allocation?
- Should BSAC make such recommendation?

Lunch break - 12:30-13:30

8. BSAC recommendation

- a. Discussion - 13:30-14:00**

- b. Wrap up by the Chair - 14:00-14:20**

9. AOB - 14:20-14:30

⁴ <https://maritime-spatial-planning.ec.europa.eu/sector-information/offshore-wind-and-fisheries>