

European Fisheries Control Agency (EFCA) Advisory board meeting, April 2023. 19/04/23, 1200-1700, EFCA Vigo

Attended by: BSAC vice- chair, Glenn Douglas.

MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was attended by EFCA executive director, EFCA heads of unit, EFCA administration board, EFCA advisory board and representatives from each advisory council including the BSAC vice chair.

The goal of the meeting was to discuss issues affecting the AC's primarily concerning EFCA's work during the period Autumn 2022-23 and going forward into 2024, The BSAC representative commented on issues including previous BSAC work on advice on eel, the Baltic multiannual plan and coming work on the landing obligation, providing data for the evaluation of the landing obligation and recommendations relating to implementing acts leading to introduction of new gear in the flatfish fishery.

BSAC will be visiting EFCA in Vigo in June and we also suggested that EFCA contact us when the new patrol vessels are in the Baltic so as to give the opportunity for members to learn about EFCA's work.

The EFCA annual report for 2022 was presented and will be published directly. EFCA will be producing the Compliance Evaluation report on the Baltic Sea in 2019-2021 in the coming months.

EFCA would like to co-operate together with BALTFISH in the coming LO workshop in the Autumn.

EFCA look forward to our coming to visit them in June and will contact us when the new chartered patrol vessels are in Baltic ports.

