

## **Management Committee on the Advisory Process (MCAP)**

2006/2/MCAP01      The **Management Committee on the Advisory Process** [MCAP] (Chair; Paul Connolly, Ireland) will meet:

A) together with the Regional Advisory Councils (MIRACs) at ICES Headquarters from mid-afternoon on 22 January -23 January 2007 (to be confirmed) at Council expense (for MCAP members) to explore how cooperation between the RACs and ICES should further be developed. In particular, the meeting shall explore how the RACs could be involved with the ICES Advisory Process within the guidelines defined by the ICES Council, and in the light of the MoU between ICES and EC.

B) at ICES Headquarters mid-afternoon on 5 February -7 February 2007, at Council expense, to review the advisory process for 2007 including;

- a. Review the working plans for 2007 for the Advisory Committees and decide on the agenda for the advisory committees;
- b. Review the status of discussions concerning the timing of the fisheries advice with the EC, and take appropriate action if required;
- c. Review the status of Communications with Client Commissions, and the status of the renewal of MoUs with Clients
- d. Consider the discussion in the Council on the Advisory Committee structure, and where appropriate, plan for implementation of Council decisions;
- e. Review progress with the Quality Assurance work in 2006 and plan the implementation of the full Quality Assurance programme;
- f. Review progress with ICES involvement in the EU Data Collection Regulation;
- g. Consider the report from the MIRAC meeting in January 2007;
- h. Review experiences with special requests for advice in particular with the development of advice through e-mails or other forms for electronic communication;

C) together with Client Commissions (MCAP-MICC) at ICES Headquarters from 7-8 May 2007 (to be confirmed) at Council expense (for MCAP members) to review the Advisory Process for 2007 and beyond including;

- a. Review of 2006 MCAP-MICC meeting and follow up of Action Points;
- b. Timing of the fisheries advice;
- c. Access to VMS for fish stock assessment;
- d. Further development of communications with Client Commissions;
- e. Outline of ICES advisory work programmes for 2007;
- f. Quality of Data used in the advisory process – links with the Data Collection Regulation;
- g. Progress towards integrated advice and long-term advice;
- h. Any other business that the Clients may wish to discuss.

D) Immediately before or early in the ASC week and after the ASC week in Helsinki, Finland, at Council expense to review the Advisory process for 2008 including;

- a. Follow up and status of Action Points from 2007 MCAP meetings and discussions with Clients and RACs;
- b. Further development of communications with Client Commissions and RACs;
- c. Review the status of ICES Cost Recovery for the advisory work;
- d. Review progress of Quality Assurance work.

## Supporting information

Priority:	
Justification:	<p>MCAP is charged with overseeing the ICES advisory process.</p> <p>The MIRAC meeting is to ensure proper communication between ICES and RACs.</p> <p>The MCAP-MICC meeting is to ensure proper communication between management and science.</p> <p>The ASC meetings are to ensure proper coordination and that agreements with Clients are followed up.</p> <p>In the margin of the MCAP-MICC meeting the Data Centre will meet with HELCOM and OSPAR to review progress with data handling.</p>
Resource Requirements:	
Participants:	Members of MCAP are: a chair appointed by Council and the chairs of ACOMs (3) and CONC(1)
Secretarial Facilities:	Support of Secretariat Staff involved with advisory work.
Financial:	
Linkages To Advisory Committees:	The MCAP work is reported back to ACE, ACME and ACFM.
Linkages To other Committees or Groups:	MCAP reports to the Bureau and to the Council.
Linkages to other Organisations	