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EUROPEAN INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

Thirty-First Session

Killarney, Ireland 22 - 24 June 2022

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1) Opening of the Session

2) Adoption of the Agenda and Timetable

3) Main decisions and recommendations from FAO Regional Conferences and Fisheries Bodies *(for information by the FAO Secretariat)*

A summary of the following FAO conferences and meetings will be presented:

- 33rd Session of the FAO Regional Conference for Europe (ERC), Poland, 10 - 13 May 2022;
- 34th Session of the Committee of Fisheries (COFI), 1 - 5 February 2021 (convened virtually);
- 44th Session of the General Fisheries Commission for the Mediterranean (GFCM), 2 - 6 November 2021 (convened virtually);
- UN Development Agenda (SDG targets), FAO Strategic Framework (Blue Transformation Initiative; Four Betters) and other policy developments relevant for EIFAAC Members.

4) Main decisions and recommendations of the 30th Session of EIFAAC *(for information)*

A summary report of the deliberations at the 30th Session of the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC), which took place from 11 to 13 September 2019, in Dresden, Germany, will be presented by the Chair.

5) Results achieved during the intersessional period *(for discussion and decision)*

- A) Report from the Management Committee (MC) on decisions taken since the 30th Session of EIFAAC, including implementation of the EIFAAC Strategy 2020-2024, Communications Strategy and the postponement of the Session from 2021 to 2022 due to COVID-19 restrictions.

- B) Report from the Technical and Scientific Committee (TSC) on outcomes of completed EIFAAC projects (publications, articles, conferences, workshops) and the status of ongoing projects.

6) Main findings and recommendations from the EIFAAC International Symposium (for information)

A summary of the main findings and recommendations from the EIFAAC International Symposium on “*Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture – advances in technology, stock assessment and citizen science in an era of climate change*”, held in Killarney, Ireland, 20 - 21 June 2022, will be presented by the chair of the symposium.

7) EIFAAC recommendations and resolutions (for discussion and decision)

Draft recommendations and resolutions developed on the basis of scientific research and advice generated by EIFAAC projects and past activities will be presented for review and endorsement, as appropriate.

8) Amendment of the EIFAAC Rules of Procedure (for discussion and decision)

A proposal for amendments to the EIFAAC Rules of Procedure will be presented, following discussions at the 30th session of EIFAAC and in the MC in the intersessional period.

9) Voluntary country and observer reports on emerging issues for national inland fisheries and aquaculture (for discussion and recommendations)

Members and observers are invited to present and discuss recent **opportunities and challenges** for inland fisheries and aquaculture in their countries with the scope to define regional / international coordination and solutions.

10) EIFAAC work programme 2022-2024 contributing to the implementation of the FAO Strategic Framework 2021-2030 and the Four Betters achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development by the Members *(for discussion and decision)*

Discussion of country participation, planned activities and expected results from EIFAAC regional projects launched in 2021:

- 1) The problems and challenges of climate change and its impact on inland aquatic resources and fisheries of Europe;
- 2) Interactions of inland fisheries and aquaculture with other freshwater uses: conflict identification and potential benefits;
- 3) Environmental DNA in freshwater fisheries, current status and future possibilities – a review;
- 4) Determination of economic, cultural and social values of inland fisheries and freshwater aquaculture in Europe;
- 5) Fish stocking guidelines, including general principles, best practices, economic aspects, interaction with natural stocks and safeguarding biodiversity;
- 6) Downstream passage of fish at hydropower dams.

11) Election of the EIFAAC Officers (for decision)

- Election of Members of the Technical and Scientific Committee (TSC)
- Election of the Chair of the TSC
- Election of Chair and Vice-Chairs of Management Committee (MC)
- Election of the Members of the MC

12) Any other matters**13) Date and place of the next EIFAAC Session** *(for discussion and decision)*

Members are invited to present their proposals to host the 32nd session of EIFAAC in 2024 or the 33rd session in 2026.

14) Adoption of the report of the Session *(for decision)*

The draft report will be introduced, reviewed and discussed for endorsement.