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## EUROPEAN INLAND FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE ADVISORY COMMISSION

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### Amendment of the EIFAAC Rules of Procedure

#### Executive summary

The current EIFAAC Rules of Procedure entered into force in 2012. At EIFAAC 30 (Germany, 2019) the Committee discussed the need to revisit the Rules of Procedure under the agenda item “Any Other Matters”.

The Management Committee in cooperation with the EIFAAC Secretariat and in consultation with the FAO Legal Office prepared amendments to the Rules of Procedure to address the following matters:

- 1) Management Committee and Technical and Scientific Committee membership eligibility and operational challenges.
- 2) Fill the gap in the Rules of Procedure on the role of the FAO Secretariat to EIFAAC.
- 3) Facilitate rapid intersessional advisory capacity of EIFAAC to its members.

#### SUGGESTED ACTIONS FOR THE COMMISSION

- The Commission is invited to review the proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedure and adopt the amendments as appropriate.

## I. Introduction

1. The FAO European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC) is one of the six FAO Statutory Bodies in the Europe and Central Asia Region. The functioning of EIFAAC is guided by its Rules of Procedure.

2. EIFAAC 25 (Turkey, 2008) agreed to emphasize aquaculture within its mandate and to change the name of the Commission to European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC). At EIFAAC 26 (Croatia, 2010) the Commission adopted new Statutes and discussed and agreed to amend the Rules of Procedure. In 2011, the FAO Council, at its 140<sup>th</sup> Session, adopted Resolution 3/140 approving the revised name and Statutes of the Commission. The First Special Session of the Commission, held in October 2011, adopted the amendments to the Rules of Procedure by a two-

third majority. Through a decision of the FAO Director-General in April 2012, the current Rules of Procedure came into force.

## **II. Justification for the proposed amendments**

### **Management Committee and Technical and Scientific Committee membership eligibility and operational challenges.**

3. EIFAAC governance is entrusted to its Management Committee (MC) and Technical and Scientific Committee (TSC), which act on behalf of the Commission during the inter-sessional period. The MC is composed of the Chairperson, two Vice-Chairpersons, the Chairperson of the TSC and three members elected by the Commission. The current Rules of Procedure define that the Chairpersons (Rule II) and the MC members (Rule III) are eligible for re-election for a period of two years, but not exceeding a total of four consecutive terms.

4. The TSC consists of seven experts in European inland fisheries and aquaculture, elected by the Commission for a term of two years, but not exceeding a total of four consecutive terms (Rule IX).

5. The Commission regularly faces three challenges in the operations of the MC and TSC.

a. Some elected members on the MC and TSC are not participating actively in the work of these committees in the intersessional period. The reasons for not participating can be many, such as workload, retirement and illness. As a consequence the number of active members is limited, which causes operational challenges to the functioning of these committees.

b. Some elected members in these Committees start as ordinary members, become vice-chairperson and would then be up for becoming “chairperson”. However, the Rules of Procedure do not allow this growth in responsibility within these committees.

c. Various active members on the two committees have reached or will soon reach the maximum term limit for serving on these committees. There is concern that the loss of active members will result in reduced participation in and operations of the committees, which would hamper the work of the Commission.

6. Moreover, it is considered that chairpersons should not serve more than 2 terms in these positions, to also allow others to assume chairperson roles, bring in fresh views and rejuvenate.

7. An amendment of the Rules of Procedure to enable 1) intersessional replacement of committee members that are not active, 2) growth in responsibilities within a committee, and 3) continued active participation of members, will benefit the intersessional continuity of work of the Commission.

### **Fill the gap in the Rules of Procedure on the role of the FAO Secretariat to EIFAAC.**

8. The 2012 Rules of Procedure detail the functions and duties of Operational Focal Points (Rule II), Management Committee (Rule III), and the Technical and Scientific Committee (Rule IX). However, the role of the FAO Secretariat to EIFAAC is not specified. An amendment of the Rules of Procedure will fill this gap.

### **Facilitate rapid intersessional advisory capacity of EIFAAC to its Members**

9. EIFAAC currently produces advice and recommendations only at the biennial sessions and not in the intersessional period. This implies that requests for advice by Members and processes in which EIFAAC advice would be required are often neither adequately nor timely served. The amendments proposed facilitate rapid intersessional advisory services to Members and important management and decision making processes concerning inland fisheries and aquaculture in the EIFAAC area.

### **III. Process for amendment of the EIFAAC Rules of Procedures**

10. The EIFAAC MC, supported by the EIFAAC Secretariat has prepared the proposed amendments in section II below. New proposed text is provided in brackets in [blue], text to remove is strikethrough in [red] and short explanatory notes are marked in yellow. Rule and paragraph numbering updates will be finalized after the review by the Commission.

11. The FAO Legal Office (LEG) has been consulted for legal advice and confirmed that the proposed amendments are in conformity with the FAO Constitution and General Rules of the Organization and with the Statement of Principles Governing Commissions and Committees adopted by the Conference.

12. Following the review and adoption of amended Rules of Procedure by the Commission, the document will be submitted by the Secretariat, through the appropriate internal processes to the Office of the FAO Director-General for consideration. The amendments enter into force after the approval by the FAO Director-General.

## **IV. Rules of Procedure for the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission (EIFAAC) with proposed amendments in track changes**

### **Rule I**

#### **Membership**

1. Membership in the European Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture Advisory Commission is open to European Member Nations of the Food and Agriculture Organization in accordance with the provisions of Article VI, paragraph 1 of the Constitution of the Organization. Membership shall comprise such eligible Nations as have notified in writing the Director-General of their interest in becoming a member of the Commission.
2. Each Member Nation of the Commission shall, before the opening of each session, communicate to the Director-General the name of its representative who should, as far as possible, have responsibilities related to inland fisheries.

### **Rule II**

#### **Officers and Operational Focal Points**

1. The Commission shall elect, at the end of each session, a Chairperson, a first Vice- Chairperson and a second Vice-Chairperson from among the representatives to the Commission who shall remain in office until the election of the new Chairperson and new Vice-Chairpersons at the next session. The Chairperson and Vice-Chairpersons shall be eligible for re-election for a term of two years. ~~but not exceeding a total of four consecutive terms.~~ By removing the strikethrough part of the sentence the Commission agrees that a chairperson or vice chairperson shall not remain in the same function for more than 4 years.
2. The Chairperson, or in his/her absence a Vice-Chairperson, shall preside at meetings of the Commission and exercise such other functions as may be required to facilitate the work of the Commission. The Vice-Chairperson acting as Chairperson shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairperson.
3. In the event that both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairpersons are unable to serve, the Director-General or his or her representative shall act as Chairperson, until an ad hoc Chairperson is elected.
4. ~~The Director General shall appoint from among the staff of the Organization a Secretary of the Commission who shall be responsible to him or her.~~ This paragraph will be moved to new Rule IV [Secretariat]
5. The Commission may appoint one or more rapporteurs.
6. Each Member shall appoint an Operational Focal Point for purposes of communication of relevant matters relating to the Commission, who shall have the following functions and duties:
  - a) facilitate the representation of his/her country at each Session by a National Delegation and regular participation in such Sessions;
  - b) develop and maintain a national network of fisheries and aquaculture institutions, scientists and practitioners to facilitate communication and the flow of information to and from EIFAAC and in this regard make full use of electronic means, including developing a national website as appropriate that provides information links and resources on EIFAAC and on inland fisheries and aquaculture matters of interest to their country and may be used for information exchange;
  - c) promote national and international collaboration among fisheries and aquaculture scientists, managers and administrators by providing the necessary contacts, either directly or with the help of the EIFAAC Secretariat;

- d) make use of the advice and information provided by EIFAAC, including reports and publications and inform national partners regularly of new EIFAAC inland fisheries and aquaculture publications;
- e) periodically brief the relevant government bodies or agencies on the work and achievements of EIFAAC;
- f) notify EIFAAC of existing or emerging problems and issues in inland fisheries and aquaculture and inform EIFAAC of relevant new publications and projects from their country;
- g) encourage participation by experts from Members in EIFAAC projects and activities; and brief the incoming Operational Focal Point on the ongoing activities of EIFAAC and on the duties of an Operational Focal Point.

### **Rule III Management Committee**

1. There shall be a Management Committee consisting of the Chairperson, the Vice- Chairpersons, the Chairperson of the Technical and Scientific Committee and three members elected by the Commission for a term of two years. The members shall be eligible for re-election [[in the same function](#)] for a term of two years, but not exceeding a total of four terms. The Secretary shall be an ex-officio member without vote. The Chairperson of the Management Committee shall be the Chairperson of the Commission.
2. The functions of the Management Committee shall be to implement the decisions of the Commission between its Sessions, carry out such other tasks entrusted to it by the Commission and to:
  - a) propose a strategy and work plan with the assistance of the Secretariat for review and consideration by the Commission, and monitor its implementation;
  - b) review and decide upon recommendations and advice of the Technical and Scientific Committee;
  - c) prepare estimates of expenses for the next succeeding two years for presentation to the Commission for submission to the Organization, in accordance with the Statutes of the Commission;
  - d) ensure that policies and decisions of the Commission are operationalized; and
  - e) coordinate and monitor the work of the Technical and Scientific Committee and other subsidiary bodies of the Commission;
3. The Management Committee shall meet at least once a year, and the quorum for each meeting shall be four persons. In the unavoidable absence of up to four members of the Management Committee from a Committee session, the Chairperson shall have the power to co-opt such alternate as may be proposed by the government or institution of the relevant member or such other person that may be involved in relevant intersessional work, programmes or projects of EIFAAC.
4. When the Management Committee deals with special issues, the Chairperson of the Management Committee may, in consultation with the Vice-Chairpersons, invite not more than two additional members of the Commission to attend in an advisory capacity the meetings of the Management Committee at which such issues are considered.
5. The Management Committee shall periodically inform all Members of the Commission, through the Secretariat, of any action taken.
6. The Management Committee shall report to the Commission on its activities at each session of the Commission.

### **[RULE IV Secretariat**

1. The Secretariat shall consist of the Secretary and such staff responsible to him/her as may be determined by the Director-General.
2. The Secretary shall be appointed for such term as the Director-General may determine, which shall not normally exceed a total of eight years.
3. The Secretary shall be responsible for implementing the policies and activities of the Commission and for carrying out the duties and performing the functions and responsibilities of the Secretary and shall report thereon to the Commission.
4. Communication between the Secretary and the Members of the Commission for liaison purposes and concerning the affairs of the Commission shall be channelled, as far as possible, through the Operational Focal Points designated in accordance with Rule II.] The above amendments clarify the role of the secretary and that the Secretary should report to the Commission at every session.

#### **Rule IV** **Sessions**

1. The Commission shall hold regular sessions at least once every two years.
2. Extraordinary sessions of the Commission shall be held at such other times as the Commission may decide, or at the request of the Management Committee, provided that adequate funds are available for such extraordinary sessions in the Programme of Work and Budget of the Organization, or from extra-budgetary funds.
3. The sessions of the Commission shall be convened by the Director-General, who shall decide on the place where they are to be held, in consultation with the Chairperson and the competent authorities of the host country, taking into account the views expressed by the Commission.
4. Notice of the date and place of each session of the Commission shall be communicated at least two months before the session to all the Members of the Commission, to such Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization that are not Members of the Commission and to such non-Member Nations of the Organization and international organizations as may have been invited to attend the session.
5. Each Member of the Commission shall have one representative who may be accompanied by an alternate and advisers. An alternate or adviser shall not have the right to vote except when substituting for the representative.
6. Meetings of the Commission shall be held in public unless the Commission decides otherwise.
7. A majority of the Members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum.
8. ~~In exceptional circumstances, when unforeseen~~ [For] urgent matters [that] require intersessional action, the Commission may apply an electronic decision-making process with respect to [technical and] scientific advice and procedural and administrative matters other than matters relating to the interpretation of and the adoption of amendments to the statutes of EIFAAC and its rules and regulations. This amendment will facilitate rapid intersessional advisory services provision by EIFAAC to Members, as well as support replacement of MC and TSC members in case of retirement, workload, illness and other causes for low/non-participation by members.

#### **Rule V**[I] **Agenda**

1. The Director-General shall, in consultation with the Chairperson, prepare a provisional agenda for each session of the Commission.
2. The first item on the provisional agenda shall be the adoption of the agenda. No matter referred to the Commission by the Conference or Council of the Organization may be omitted from the agenda.
3. Any Member of the Commission may request the Director-General to include specific items in the provisional agenda.
4. The provisional agenda shall be circulated by the Director-General at least two months before the date on which the opening of the session is scheduled to take place, to all Members of the Commission, to such Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization that are not Members of the Commission and to such non-Member Nations of the Organization and international organizations as may have been invited to attend the session.
5. Any Member of the Commission and the Director-General may, after the dispatch of the provisional agenda, but not later than one month before the date on which the opening of the session is scheduled to take place, propose the inclusion of specific items in the agenda. Such proposals shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons why the inclusion of the items in the agenda is considered desirable. These items shall be placed on a supplementary list, which shall be dispatched by the Director-General to all Members of the Commission, other Member Nations and Associate Members of the Organization attending the session and to such non-Member Nations and international organizations invited to the session, failing which the items shall be communicated to the Chairperson for submission to the Commission.
6. Documents to be submitted to the Commission at any session shall be furnished by the Director-General to the Members of the Commission, the other Members of the Organization attending the session and to the non-Member Nations and international organizations invited to the session, at the time the agenda is dispatched, or as soon as possible thereafter.
7. Subject to paragraph 2 of this Rule, the Commission may, at any session, decide by a two-thirds majority to amend the agenda by the deletion, addition or modification of any item.

#### **Rule VI[1]**

##### **Voting and procedures**

1. Subject to paragraph 2 of this Rule, each Member of the Commission shall have one vote.
2. Voting by Member Organizations of the Organization that are Members of the Commission shall be governed by the provisions of Article II.10 of the Constitution of the Organization.
3. Decisions of the Commission shall be taken by a majority of the votes cast, unless otherwise provided in these Rules.
4. Upon the request of any Member of the Commission, voting shall be by roll-call, in which case the vote of each Member shall be recorded.
5. When the Commission so decides, voting shall be by secret ballot.
6. Voting in the Commission shall be carried out *mutatis mutandis* in accordance with the pertinent provisions of Rule XII of the General Rules of the Organization.

#### **Rule VII[1]**

##### **Observers**

1. Any Member or Associate Member of the Organization that is not a Member of the

Commission may, upon request communicated to the Director-General, attend sessions of the Commission, its subsidiary bodies or ad hoc meetings, in an observer capacity. Such Members of the Organization or Associate Members may submit memoranda and participate without vote in the discussions.

2. States which, while not Members of the Organization, are Members of the United Nations, any of its Specialized Agencies or the International Atomic Energy Agency may, upon their request and with the approval of the Commission, attend sessions of the Commission, its subsidiary bodies, and ad hoc meetings in an observer capacity. The status of States invited to such sessions or meetings shall be governed by the relevant provisions adopted by the Conference of the Organization.

3. Intergovernmental organizations having an interest in the work of the Commission shall be invited to attend sessions of the Commission, its subsidiary bodies and ad hoc meetings, in an observer capacity.

4. International non-governmental organizations having special competence in the field of activity of the Commission shall, upon request communicated to the Director-General, be invited to attend sessions of the Commission, its subsidiary bodies or ad hoc meetings, in an observer capacity.

5. Participation of international organizations in the work of the Commission and the relations between the Commission and such organizations shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the General Rules of the Organization as well as by the rules on relations with international organizations adopted by the Conference and Council of the Organization. All such relations shall be dealt with by the Director-General.

#### **Rule VIII** [IX]

##### **Records and reports**

1. At each session, the Commission shall approve a report embodying its views, recommendations and decisions, including when requested a statement of minority views. Such other records for its own use as the Commission may on occasion decide, shall also be maintained.

2. The conclusions and recommendations of the Commission shall be transmitted to the Director-General at the close of each session, who shall circulate them to Members of the Commission and to nations and international organizations that were represented at the session and, upon request, to other Member Nations of the Organization for their information.

3. Recommendations having policy, programme or financial implications for the Organization shall be brought by the Director-General to the attention of the Conference through the Council.

4. The Director-General may request Members of the Commission to supply information in order to keep the Commission informed on action taken on the basis of its recommendations.

#### **Rule IX**

##### **Technical and Scientific Committee**

1. There shall be a Technical and Scientific Committee consisting of seven experts in European inland fisheries and aquaculture, elected by the Commission for a term of two years [in the same function], but not exceeding a total of four consecutive terms.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 1, meetings of the Technical and Scientific Committee shall be open to all Members of the Commission, and each Member may designate a representative who has to be expert in European inland fisheries and aquaculture. Decisions at the meetings of the Technical and Scientific Committee shall be taken by all Members present and, as applicable, voting.



3. The Secretary of the Technical and Scientific Committee shall be an ex-officio member without vote. The Chairperson shall be elected by the Commission from among the seven experts elected pursuant to subregulation (1) for a renewable term of two years, ~~but not exceeding a total of four consecutive terms~~. By removing the strikethrough part of the sentence the Commission agrees that the chairperson of the TSC shall not remain in function for more than 4 years.

4. The functions of the Technical and Scientific Committee shall be to:

- a) make, review, evaluate and as appropriate recommend to the Management Committee proposals for programmes or projects to be carried out by the Commission in accordance with these Rules;
- b) develop Terms of Reference for programmes/projects and monitor project implementation against the Terms of Reference;
- c) provide technical oversight, monitoring and evaluation of projects and related programme of work activities
- d) formulate and draft technical and scientific advice for consideration by the Management Committee; and
- e) function as an editorial and publications committee.

5. Proposals for programmes or projects to be implemented wholly or partly by the Commission may be developed by the Technical and Scientific Committee, a Member, a donor, a partner organization or an independent partner institution.

6. Each project proposal shall specify the following:

- a) purpose of the proposal;
- b) expected outcome;
- c) benefits of outcome;
- d) funding source(s) and budget;
- e) Terms of Reference of the proposal;
- f) time frame and benchmarks;
- g) methodology;
- h) project manager and Terms of Reference as appropriate, including authority to select experts and others involved in project implementation;
- i) administrative arrangements;
- j) partners; and
- k) such other requirements that may be recommended by the Technical and Scientific Committee and agreed by the Commission.

7. The Secretariat shall review each proposal to ensure it fulfills the requirements in these Rules or as may be otherwise agreed by the Technical and Scientific Committee in accordance with these Rules, and where such requirements:

- a) are not fulfilled shall return the proposal with an explanation and request the originator to re-submit as appropriate; or
- b) are fulfilled shall forward the proposal for the consideration of the Technical and Scientific Committee.

8. The Technical and Scientific Committee shall review and evaluate each project proposal, taking into account the following criteria:

- a) the project proposal is consistent with the objectives and functions of the Commission and with the terms of its Agreement;
- b) the project outcomes shall have relevance to one or more Members of the Commission;

- c) to the extent possible, the project proposal is forward-looking, proactive and results-oriented; and
- d) the total financial and other support for the project is identified and shall not require any contributions or additional resources from EIFAAC.

9. The Technical and Scientific Committee may recommend a project to the Management Committee or, where a project proposal does not meet the criteria and other requirements of these Rules, reject the project proposal or request further information or modifications.

10. The Technical and Scientific Committee shall review each EIFAAC Working Party in existence at the time these Rules are adopted, and recommend to the Management Committee the continuation as projects under the Agreement of those that are active and meet the requirements of these Rules.

11. Where it has been agreed to recommend a project proposal or continuation of an EIFAAC Working Party as a project under this Agreement pursuant to Rule 8 or 9 above, the Technical and Scientific Committee shall identify the terms of reference of the project for recommendation to the Management Committee, including the following:

- a) objective and expected outcome;
- b) programme/project management;
- c) budget;
- d) administrative requirements;
- e) reporting to the Committee at regular intervals, including on the implementation of benchmarks and on completion of the programme/project; and
- f) follow-up as appropriate.

12. The Technical and Scientific Committee shall require each project manager to report through the Secretariat on the implementation of the approved Terms of Reference no less than twice a year, and shall monitor the implementation of approved programmes/projects no less frequently based on such reports.

13. The Technical and Scientific Committee may, where it considers that the Terms of Reference and other conditions of the programme/project are not being fulfilled, recommend to the Management Committee the imposition of conditions for reform on the programme/project, or suspension or termination.

14. The Technical and Scientific Committee shall meet at least once each year between regular sessions, but shall hold meetings more frequently where the Chairperson of the Committee in consultation with the [EIFAAC] Secretary deem it necessary to effectively carry out the mandate and functions of the Committee.

## **Rule X[I]**

### **Subsidiary bodies**

1. The Commission may, on an ad hoc basis, establish such other subsidiary bodies as it deems necessary for the accomplishment of its objectives.

2. Membership in such other subsidiary bodies may be made up of all or selected Members of the Commission or of individuals appointed in their personal capacity.

3. The Commission may recommend to the Director-General the convening of ad hoc meetings, either of representatives of Members of the Commission or of experts serving in an individual capacity, in order to study problems that because of their specialized nature could not fruitfully be discussed during the normal Sessions of the Commission.

4. Experts who are to serve in their personal capacity as Members of any subsidiary body or who are to be invited to attend ad hoc meetings shall be chosen by the Commission unless the Commission decides otherwise, and shall be appointed by the Director-General in accordance with established procedures.
5. The Terms of Reference of the subsidiary bodies and the questions to be discussed by ad hoc meetings shall be determined by the Commission.
6. The establishment of subsidiary bodies and the convening of ad hoc meetings shall be subject to the availability of the necessary funds in the relevant chapter of the approved budget of the Organization, or to the availability of extra-budgetary funds. The determination of such availability shall be made by the Director-General.
7. Before taking any decision involving expenditures in connection with the establishment of subsidiary bodies or the convening of an ad hoc meeting, the Commission shall have before it a report from the Director-General on the administrative and financial implications thereof.
8. Each subsidiary body and ad hoc meeting shall elect its own officers.
9. The Rules of Procedure of the Commission shall apply mutatis mutandis to its subsidiary bodies and ad hoc meetings.

#### **Rule XI[I]** **Trust Fund**

All voluntary contributions, donations and other forms of assistance, in particular those referred to in Article 6 (i) of the Statutes, shall be placed in a Trust Fund administered by the Director-General in conformity with the Financial Regulations of FAO.

#### **Rule XII[I]** **Expenses**

1. Expenses incurred by representatives of Members of the Commission, their alternates and advisers, when attending Sessions of the Commission, Management Committee, Technical and Scientific Committee, subsidiary bodies or ad hoc meetings as well as the expenses incurred by observers at sessions, shall be borne by the respective governments or organizations.
2. Expenses of experts invited by the Director-General to attend sessions or meetings in their individual capacity shall be borne by the Organization.
3. Any financial operations relating to the Commission and its subsidiary bodies shall be governed by the appropriate provisions of the Financial Regulations of the Organization.

#### **Rule XIII[V]** **Language**

1. English and French shall be the official languages of the Commission.
2. The Commission shall at the beginning of each session decide which of the official languages shall be used as working language or languages. Any representative using another language than one of the working languages shall provide for interpretation into one of the working languages.

#### **Rule XIV** **Amendment and suspension of Rules**

1. Amendment of, or additions to these Rules may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the membership of the Commission provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the amendment or addition has been given. Amendments or additions to these Rules shall come into force upon approval by the Director-General, subject to confirmation by the Council of the Organization, as appropriate.

2. Any of the above Rules of the Commission, other than Rules I-1; II-4; ~~IV~~-1, 2, 3, 5 and 7; V[I]-2; VI[I]- 1, 2 and 3; VII[I], ~~VIII~~[IX]-3 and 4; ~~IX~~-5 and 6; X[I]; and XII[I]-1, may be suspended by the Commission by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, provided that 24 hours' notice of the proposal for the suspension has been given. Such notice may be waived if no Member of the Commission objects.