

## Stakeholder feedback from NAPA All-Party Workshop

5 December 2024, London

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### Comments from online attendees in meeting chat:

“Really great day with so much interesting discussions - well done to all and apologies again to not make it in person - its been a really amazing session.”

“Thanks to all. I think this has been a very useful session and great inputs.”

“Great day everyone, thanks for organising”

“One potential area to look at going forward is whether NAPA could develop and then release a few scenarios of what an agreement resolution for each of the species might look like. All the coastal states say they are keen to reach an agreement, so even if they disagree with any of the proposals it might help with “well if not this allocation/resolution what would you be proposing and why?””

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“So sorry I couldn't be there in person today but it worked well on teams I felt

Always challenging to pitch your input at the right level so hope my challenge landed well for everyone

I look forward to what's next and a massive well done for getting all those parties in the room today, a really powerful meeting and one which was good for the CS to acknowledge would be very beneficial in the future, so maybe we could plan another one in 2025.

Also just picking up on NAPA's current asks, I wonder if we are making it too complicated in asking CS to reduce catch in international waters and that dilutes our main ask which is - all agree to follow the advice, don't overfish, allocate fairly and stick to it and then manage the stock effectively.

I raise this as I thought Kate from Faroes was very good today and if she doesn't believe the reduce fishing in international waters is worth focusing on then maybe we should reconsider our asks!”

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“Dear Aoife, Fiona and Rob,

Just a short note to say thank you for a very well hosted and organised meeting last week in London.

I think it was a very useful meeting and it was a good opportunity for the coastal states negotiators to hear the importance of a breakthrough for the industry. Also good for us to see their ranging positions I felt. Let’s hope this is the start of a new chapter, but i know there will be some way to go to get the sharing agreements we all want to see.

I look forward to working more with the NAPA team next year and many thanks for your considerable efforts across 2024 with the FIP extensions and bringing the stakeholders together.”

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“Hi Fiona,

The workshop in London was really good, and the fact that you managed to secure attendance from the coastal states is impressive. Some of the representatives wanted more details regarding the supply chain consequences – will you send them a summary? Is there anything we can/should do?”

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“Good morning Aoife, Fi

Just a brief mail following up the meetings yesterday in London to express sincere thanks to you and the team.

The NAPA event was extremely well coordinated /hosted with very high quality attendance (particularly with respect to securing representatives from Science / Catching Sector and Coastal States ).

It was clear to see that the level of shared knowledge and understanding around the issues increased significantly through this format and the welcome opportunity to have frank dialogue particularly with those with experience of negotiating coastal states agreements.

Thank you also for your time in recent weeks to listen and take on board our advocacy suggestions as direct action requests.

It was extremely useful to set out the merits of the 10% Banking and 10% High Seas caps as reasonable management principles for Coastal states to associate with and put the ball in their court.....

The issue of fishing on the High Seas targeting mackerel for Fishmeal/Oil remains a challenging issue.

We know the aquaculture feed market is a consolidated and powerful sector and Marin Trust plants already identify for audit purposes Mackerel from trimmings sources.

From conversations around the margins yesterday I sense a strong reluctance of some of the NAPA membership to even discuss this matter.

Bottom line, so long as NAPA members continue to provide a market in the feed sector for Whole Mackerel there will be "no cost associated with not having a Coastal States agreement" - something Esben pointed to clearly.

As a % component Mackerel is probably circa 1% of the total feed volumes of some NAPA members so it can be easy to overlook the importance of this issue.

Given NAPA has made two significant requests of the CS Negotiators - it would seem sensible that NAPA members should also look to what is within NAPA's gift to enact change- - I would suggest it's appropriate for NAPA feed / fishmeal interests to adopt a sourcing commitment "ONLY to purchase Mackerel from trimmings" or something similar.....

Thanks again"

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"Hi Aoife, Fiona

Many thanks for a really good meeting today.

I think there was more progress made on the Coastal States' "disagreement" than there has been for years! Well done for getting them together and providing an environment which enabled them to talk so openly."

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“Thank you Fi, and thank you again for an excellent job bringing so many stakeholders together!

I have followed up with some questions regarding climate risks for the species NAPA targets, will let you know if I get something of substance in return.”

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“Dear Aoife and Fi,

Many thanks for the opportunity to attend the very interesting, and extremely well-moderated, discussion session yesterday. Looking forward to more such opportunities in the time ahead.

I was wondering if it would be possible to receive a list of participants?

Aoife – please do get in touch next time you are in London if you have some spare time. There is much we can usefully discuss, including our plans for a FO/UK fisheries focussed event at Fishmongers in the coming year.”

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“Dear Aoife,

Many thanks for your email and for the invitation to the NAPA workshop. It was truly insightful and I believe indeed that there are benefits to have an open dialogue with all interested parties, and a good opportunity to exchange from different perspectives.

I wanted also to follow-up on our attempt to have an in-person meeting in January. I am pretty available except 13-15 January. Would you have any preferences in terms of dates? I will be back on 2nd January and we can find a date then (I realise many people are away on holidays already, so you might not see this message before then!).

It’s possible that more colleagues from Brussels would like to join, and we’d be happy to host an hybrid meeting at Europe House in Smith Square, if this would be convenient for you.

Many thanks and I look forward to hearing from you.”

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“Hi All

Thanks for a great day!”

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