North-East Atlantic Commission



Proposed Revised Terms of Reference for the Working Group on Gyrodactylus salaris

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Considering that:

- the Working Group's role is to provide a forum for exchange of information among the Parties / jurisdictions on research on, and monitoring, control and eradication programmes for, the parasite *Gyrodactylus salaris*; and
- the North-East Atlantic Commission agreed, <u>NEA(23)13</u>, that Contingency Plans be presented at the next meeting of the Working Group.

The Working Group on *Gyrodactylus salaris* is tasked with the following activities:

- reviewing progress in relation to the measures contained in the revised Road Map, NEA(23)14;
- reviewing and updating the Commission's revised Road Map to ensure action-oriented content such that it better reflects the seriousness of infection by the parasite;
- reviewing the Contingency Plans presented at its meeting and offering guidance on best practice for these Plans to Commission members where relevant; and
- developing recommendations for enhanced measures to prevent the further spread of the parasite and for its eradication in areas where it has been introduced.

The Working Group shall comprise representatives from each Party, where desired, a representative from NASCO's accredited NGOs and a representative from NASCO's accredited IPRIs.

The Working Group will present the report of its meeting and its recommendations for the consideration of the North-East Atlantic Commission at its Annual Meeting in June 2026.

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