

Terms of Reference for the Working Group on the Future of NEAFC

The Working Group on the Future of NEAFC shall look into the following issues:

The WG on the Future of NEAFC shall evaluate the role of NEAFC in taking a broader ecosystem approach to fisheries management. In that regard, the WG on the Future of NEAFC shall examine how to strengthen the role of NEAFC in addressing overall ocean management in the Convention Area. The WG shall look into the possible restriction in this respect in the Convention and the consequent need for interpretation and/or amendment.

The WG shall also examine the role of other regional and global organisations involved in ocean issues in the Convention Area. In this respect, possible gaps or overlaps in work, should be given due attention. Areas of cooperation shall be identified in order to promote responsible and coordinated ocean management in the Convention area.

The WG shall make a recommendation on these issues to the 24th Annual Meeting of NEAFC.