



*NAFO Informal group of WG-EAFFM on
"Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs)" Meeting*

Monday, 20 March 2023
08:00 – 11:00 hours (Atlantic Time in Halifax, Nova Scotia)
via WebEx

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening
The co-Chairs of the informal group, Andrew Kenny (United Kingdom) and Elizabethann Mencher (USA) will open the meeting and review the purpose of this informal group.
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Background on Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECMs) including ICES/IUCN FEG workshop and FAO OECM handbook
*The FAO publication "A handbook for identifying, evaluating and reporting other effective area-based conservation measures in marine fisheries" provides guidance on OECMs at:
<https://www.fao.org/documents/card/en/c/cc3307en>*
5. Process for nomination and officially recognizing OECMs
6. Facilitated discussion
 - a. Which (if any) NAFO fisheries ABMTs could/ should be considered as OECMs (e.g., seamounts, VME fishery closures, restricted areas etc.)
 - b. What and how to recommend potential OECMs to the Commission?
7. Other matters
8. Recommendations to forward to the COM-SC WG-EAFFM
9. Date and Time of Next Meeting
10. Adjournment