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## 1 PURPOSE

This document sets a standard for Code of Conduct for Industry affiliated scientists when they take part in ICES Workshops, Benchmarks, ACOM Expert groups and SCICOM Expert groups (all together called ICES meetings throughout this document). The Code of Conduct deal with two aspects: 1) the formal procedural matters for joining ICES meetings, and 2) rule of engagement at ICES meeting for the participating Industry affiliated scientists.

This document should be view as an addition to the general ICES Guidelines, and not as a replacement of these. Industry affiliated scientists shall follow the general ICES Guidelines for participation in Expert groups and Workshops in the same way as scientist affiliated to research institutes.

## 2 INTRODUCTION

A number of industry associations and producers organizations, especially within the pelagic sector, employs fisheries scientists with a level of experience and competences that enable them to contribute to ICES meetings. In order to make the contribution of Industry affiliated scientists fully transparent, the Northern Pelagic Working Group (NPWG), a subgroup of the European Association of Fish Producers Organizations (EAPO), have developed this Code of Conduct that describes rules of engagement and guidelines for participating in ICES meetings.

## 3 NOMINATION

When participating in ICES meetings Industry affiliated scientists have to follow the general ICES rules for nomination. This means that workshops and benchmarks are open for all governmental organizations, intergovernmental organizations, non-governmental organizations, and individuals who have observer status in ICES. In case of Expert group participation Industry affiliated scientists – similar to research institute affiliated scientist - have to be nominated by a National ICES delegate.

## 4 PROCEDURAL MATTERS

4.1 When participating in an Expert Group Industry affiliated scientists will not participate in the subsequent Advice Drafting Group or as observer at the ACOM meeting where the Expert group advice is being discussed,

4.2 Industry affiliated scientists will not request access to SharePoint if not participating in the meeting,

4.3 The Industry affiliated scientists shall give high priority to participate in, and contribute to, the entire meeting. Part-time participation should be avoided,

4.4. Participation in ICES meetings imply investment of time and resources to cover travel plus subsistence to the meeting venue, which will be borne by the relevant industry groups.

## 5 GUIDELINES FOR Industry affiliated scientists PARTICIPATING IN ICES GROUPS

5.1 Industry affiliated scientists will work in the best interest of the science and advice produced during the meeting; they will not act as a representative of a particular sector or interest groups; where possible the Industry affiliated scientists will bring additional relevant information from the fisheries for consideration within the expert group.

5.2 The Industry affiliated scientists will assist in producing science based advice in a consensus mode and actively participate in discussions on all topics where appropriate,

5.3 It is the responsibility of the Industry affiliated scientists to allow other ICES group participant, awareness of the affiliation of the Industry affiliated scientists.

5.4 When communicating deliberations and background for decisions made by the group, Industry affiliated scientists will follow the Chatham House Rules: *“At a meeting held under the Chatham House Rule, anyone who comes to the meeting is free to use information from the discussion, but is not allowed to reveal who made any comment.”*