

Parma, 15 March 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 24th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 15 March (pm) 2013

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski, Audun H. Nerland, Kaare M. Nielsen, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Sylvie Mestdagh, Stefano Rodighiero

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Kaare M. Nielsen, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from: Joe Perry, Fulvio Salati and Joachim Schiemann

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussion

The experts revised the chapter of the draft Guidance Document addressing the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM fish in the light of the comments received during the public consultation. Further discussion is foreseen.

Parma, 25 February 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 23rd Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 25 February (pm) 2013

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski, Joe Perry, Joachim Schiemann, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Yi Liu, Stefano Rodighiero

1. Welcome and apologies

The scientific officer, Yi Liu, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Kaare M. Nielsen, Audun H. Nerland and Fulvio Salati.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussion

The experts revised the chapter of the draft Guidance Document addressing the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM fish in the light of the comments received during the public consultation. Further discussion is foreseen.

Parma, 5 February 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 22nd Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 5 February 2013

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts:	Jeremy Sweet, Kaare Magne Nielsen
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Sylvie Mestdagh and Stefano Rodighiero

1. Welcome and apologies

The scientific officer, Sylvie, welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The experts revised the chapter of the draft Guidance Document addressing the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM fish in the light of the comments received during the public consultation. Further discussion is foreseen.

Parma, 31 January 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 21st Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 31 January 2013

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts: Jeremy Sweet, Fredrik Sundstrom, Joe Perry
Hearing experts: -
Observers (European Commission): -
EFSA: Sylvie Mestdagh and Stefano Rodighiero

1. Welcome and apologies

The scientific officer, Sylvie, welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The experts revised chapter 3 of the draft Guidance Document on the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM animals in the light of the comments received during the public consultation. Further discussion is foreseen.

Parma, 30 January 2013

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 20th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 30 January 2013

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts:	Jeremy Sweet, Fredrik Sundstrom, Joe Perry
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Sylvie Mestdagh

1. Welcome and apologies

The scientific officer, Sylvie, welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The experts revised chapter 3 of the draft Guidance Document on the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM animals in the light of the comments received during the public consultation. Further discussion is foreseen.

Parma, 27 March 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 19th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

26 – 27 March 2012

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 4 April 2012

Participants

Working Group experts:	Jeremy Sweet (chair) and Kaare Magne Nielsen
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Stefano Rodighiero

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participant.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussion

The working group discussed in details general and specific chapters of the ERA GM animals guidance document. Further discussion and text development are needed.

Parma, 15 March 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 18th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 15 March 2012

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts:	Audun H. Nerland, Jeremy Sweet, Fulvio Salati
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Yi Liu

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed and finalized several dedicated sections of the draft GM fish ERA guidance document.

Parma, 10 February 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 17th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Mixed meeting, 7 & 8 February 2012

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 24 February 2012

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski (phone), Joachim Schiemann, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet (chair), Fulvio Salati
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Stefano Rodighiero, Yi Liu

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Kaare M. Nielsen, Phil McGinnity, Joe Perry and Audun H. Nerland.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussion

The working group discussed in details general and specific chapters, of the ERA GM animals guidance document. Further discussion and text development are needed.

Parma, 23 January 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 16th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 23 January 2012

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts:	Audun H. Nerland
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Yi Liu

1. Welcome and apologies

The scientific officer, Yi, welcomed the participant.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed a dedicated section of the draft GM fish ERA guidance document. A need for further discussion has been identified.

Parma, 11 January 2012

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 15th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 10 January 2012

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 20 January 2012

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski, Phil McGinnity, Audun H. Nerland, Jeremy Sweet (chair), Fredrik Sundström
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Sylvie Mestdagh

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from: Kaare M. Nielsen, Joe Perry, Fulvio Salati and Joachim Schiemann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The Working Group on genetically modified (GM) Fish discussed the cross-cutting chapter of the draft Guidance Document on the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM animals. Further discussion with both Working Groups on GM Insects and GM Mammals & Birds is needed.

5. Next meeting dates

7 & 8 February 2012 (Parma)

Parma, 16 December 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 14th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 16 December 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG during the meeting

Participants

Working Group experts:	Audun H. Nerland
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Yi Liu

1. Welcome and apologies

The scientific officer, Yi, welcomed the participant.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed a dedicated section of the draft GM fish ERA guidance document. A need for further discussion has been identified.

5. Next meeting date

Tele/web meeting on January 10th (pm), 2012.

Parma, 7 December 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 13th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Web-conference, 7 December 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 15 December 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski, Jeremy Sweet (chair), Fredrik Sundström, Joe perry, Phil McGinnity
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Sylvie Mestdagh, Stefano Rodighiero

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from: Ian Cowx, Kaare M. Nielsen, Audun H. Nerland, Fulvio Salati and Joachim Schiemann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed several cross-cutting sections of the draft GM fish ERA guidance document. Further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting date

Tele/web meeting on January 10th (pm), 2012.

Parma, 17 November 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 12th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Webconference, 8 November 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 24 November 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski, Joachim Schiemann, Jeremy Sweet (chair), Fredrik Sundström, Joe perry, Kaare M. Nielsen, Phil McGinnity
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Stefano Rodighiero, Claudine Ziegelmeyer

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from: Ian Cowx, Edmund Peeler, Audun H. Nerland, Fulvio Salati and Sylvie Mestdagh.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The Working Group discussed several cross-cutting chapters of the draft GM fish ERA guidance document. Further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting date

Tele/web meeting on December 7th, 2011.

Parma, 14 September 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Mixed meeting, 13-14 September 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 26 September 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski (13 Septembr pm), Kaare Nielsen, Joachim Schiemann, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	Giuseppina Luvara (13 September)
EFSA:	Yi Liu, Stefano Rodighiero, Sylvie Mestdagh

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Britton, Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx, Edmund Peeler, Phil McGinnity, Jozsef Kiss, Audun H. Nerland and Fulvio Salati.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The working group discussed general and specific chapters, in details, of the GM fish ERA guidance document. Further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting date

Tele/web meeting on November 8th and 9th 2011.

Parma, 06 July 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 10th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

webconference, 30 June 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 21 July 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Phil McGinnity, Anne Kapuscinski, Jozsef Kiss, Andun H. Nerland, Kaare Nielsen, Joachim Schiemann, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Karine Lheureux, Nancy Podevin

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Britton, Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx, Edmund Peeler, Yi Liu and Elisabeth Waigmann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed several dedicated chapters in details of the GM fish ERA guidance document. Further discussion is needed.

Parma, 25 May 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 9th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Physical meeting, 17&18 May 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 17 June 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Phil McGinnity (18 May 2011 am), Andum H. Nerland, Joachim Schiemann, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Karine Lheureux, Yi Li

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Britton, Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx, Anna Kapuscinski, Kaare Nielsen, Edmund Peeler, Nancy Podevin and Elisabeth Waigmann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed several dedicated chapters in details of the GM fish ERA guidance document.

Further discussion is needed.

Parma, 19 April 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Physical meeting, 11 April 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 3^d May 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Andum H. Nerland, Kaare Nielsen, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	Giuseppina Luvara
EFSA:	Karine Lheureux, Yi Li, Nancy Podevin

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair, Jeremy, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Britton, Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx, Anna Kapuscinski, Edmund Peeler, Philip McGinnity, Joachim Schiemann and Elisabeth Waigmann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed several dedicated chapters in more details of the GM fish ERA guidance document.

Further discussion is needed.

Parma, 28 February 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 7th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Webconference, 16 & 17 February 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 16 March 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Philip McGinnity (16/02/2011 pm via webconference), Anna Kapuscinski (16/02/2011 pm via webconference), Fredrik Sundström (16/02/2011 pm via webconference), Joachim Schiemann, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	-
Observers (European Commission):	Ioana Ispas
EFSA:	Karine Lheureux, Nancy Podevin (16/02/2011 am)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman, Jeremy Sweet, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from A.H. Nerland, Rob Britton, Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx, K. Nielsen, Edmund Peeler, Yann Devos and Elisabeth Waigmann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the general structure of the GM fish ERA guidance document and several dedicated chapters in more details.

Further discussion is needed.

Parma, 7 February 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 6th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Webconference, 07 February 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 8th February 2011

Participants

Working Group experts:	Jeremy Sweet
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Karine Lheureux

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The chair of the working group and EFSA staff discussed two chapters in details.

Further discussion is needed.

Parma, 27 January 2011

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Webconference, 19 January 2011

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 4th February 2011

Participants

Working Group experts: Fredrik Sundström, Joachim Schiemann, Jeremy Sweet
Observers (European Commission): -
EFSA: Ana Afonso, Karine Lheureux, Nancy Podevin, Yi Li (partly)

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman, Jeremy Sweet, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Britton, Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx, Anna Kapuscinski, Edmund Peeler, Yann Devos and Elisabeth Waigmann.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The working group discussed the general structure of the GM fish ERA guidance document and a dedicated chapter in more details.

Further discussion is needed.

Parma, 20 December 2010

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the Working Group on GM fish ERA Guidance Document

Mini meeting, 19 December 2010

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 20th December 2010

Participants

Working Group experts:	Jeremy Sweet
Observers (European Commission):	-
EFSA:	Karine Lheureux, Elisabeth Waigmann, Yi Li, Ana Afonso, Per Haver

1. Welcome and apologies

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The chair of the working group and EFSA staff discussed the structure of the guidance document in details.

Further discussion is needed.

Parma, 30 June 2010

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group, entitled ‘Guidance on the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM fishes’

Parma, 30 June 2010

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 12 July 2010

Participants

Working Group experts: Anne Kapuscinski, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts: Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx
Observers (European Commission):
EFSA: Yann Devos, Sylvie Mestdagh, Elisabeth Waigmann

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman, Jeremy Sweet, welcomed the participants. Apologies for absence were received from Rob Britton, Ed Peeler, Yi Liu and Nancy Podevin.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

The first objective of the meeting was to identify relevant experts that could contribute to the future activities and needs of the GM fish Working Group (WG). The second objective of the meeting was to explore how problem formulation can be used in the context of the ERA of GM fish.

Preparatory meeting documents were sent to the GM fish WG before the meeting. These documents contained a list of potential experts, including their fields of expertise, and background information on problem formulation.

Further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting

Next Working Group meeting: to be confirmed

Parma, 23 May 2010

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group, entitled ‘Guidance on the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM fishes’

Parma, 29 April 2010

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 27 May 2010

Participants

Working Group experts:	Anne Kapuscinski, Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing experts:	Rob Britton, Gordon Copp, Ian Cowx
Observers (European Commission):	Kaja Kantorska
EFSA:	Yann Devos, Yi Liu, Sylvie Mestdagh, Nancy Podevin, Elisabeth Waigmann

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman, Jeremy Sweet, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ana Afonso and Ed Peeler.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

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4. Discussions

The aim of the Working Group was clarified, and consists of developing a Guidance Document for the environmental risk assessment of GM fish. This Guidance Document should help and assist applicants with the preparation and presentation of applications to place GM fish on the market in compliance with EU regulations on GMOs. This guidance will be given in the form of principles, concepts, issues and data requirements to be considered when conducting the environmental risk assessment of GM fish.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the practicality of using the revised Guidance Document for the environmental risk assessment of GM plants (EFSA-Q-2010-00109) as a starting point for creating

a framework for the Guidance Document on the environmental risk assessment of GM fish. An additional objective was to define the tasks and identify relevant experts for each identified criterion in order to plan further activities and needs of the Working Group. Further discussion is needed.

5. Next meetings

Next Working Group meeting: 30 June 2010 (to be confirmed).

Parma, 9 February 2010

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the Working Group, entitled ‘Guidance on the Environmental Risk Assessment of GM fishes’

Parma, 03 February 2010

EFSA/Unit/GMO

Agreed by the WG on 12 February 2010

Participants

Working Group experts:	Fredrik Sundström, Jeremy Sweet
Hearing expert:	Ian Cowx
Observer (European Commission)	Helen Clayton
EFSA:	Yann Devos, Sylvie Mestdagh, Elisabeth Waigmann

1. Welcome and apologies

The Chairman, Jeremy Sweet, welcomed the participants. Apologies were received from Ana Afonso (EFSA AHAW Unit).

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Declarations of interest

In accordance with EFSA’s Policy on Declarations of Interests, EFSA screened the Annual Declaration of interest (ADoI) and Specific Declaration of interest (SDoI) filled in by the experts invited for the present meeting. No conflicts of interests related to the issues discussed in this meeting have been identified during the screening process or at the beginning of this meeting.

4. Discussions

For the first meeting of the Working Group, EFSA set the scene by presenting the mandate received from the European Commission, asking EFSA and its GMO Panel to develop risk assessment guidance on the food, feed and environmental safety assessment of GM animals. The two different approaches followed for the food and feed safety issues, and the environmental safety issues were discussed, together with expected outputs, timelines and further steps in the guidance development of GM animals (fishes, insects, mammals and birds).

With regard to GM fishes, it was explained that EFSA launched a call for tender, entitled ‘Defining environmental risk assessment criteria for GM fishes to be placed on the EU market’. The external contractor is responsible for drafting a scientific report on criteria to be considered when performing

the environmental risk assessment of GM fishes. This report will serve as an important technical basis for the development of EFSA GMO Panel guidance on the environmental risk assessment of GM fishes. To review the scientific quality of the report, EFSA intends to organise a GM fish Workshop that will take place on 4 February 2010 (back-to-back with the first Working Group meeting). Discussions held during the workshop will be reflected in the final report, and might trigger report revisions.

The Working Group discussed the expertise needed, the criteria and principles to be considered in a guidance document on the environmental risk assessment of GM fishes, together with possible data requirements. Further discussion is needed.

5. Next meeting dates

EFSA GM fish Workshop: 4 February 2010.

Next Working Group meeting: March-April 2010 (to be confirmed).