

SCIENTIFIC PANEL ON CONTAMINANTS IN THE FOOD CHAIN

1st Working Group meeting on sanitary shucking of scallops-(domestic & wild)

30 June 2026

13-17h

Minutes agreed on 30 June 2026



Location: EFSA - Webconference

Attendees:

- Working Group Members:
Salomon Sand (Chair), Isabelle Oswald, Arjen Gerssen, Jorge Diogene
- Hearing Experts¹: Romana Roje Busatto
- Applicants participating in a technical hearing²: N/A
- European Commission: Paolo Caricato
- EFSA:
FEEDCO Unit: Anita Radovnikovic
Mese Unit: CORTIÑAS ABRAHANTES José, Zsuzsanna Horvath

- Observer:
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I. Welcome and apologies for absence

The Chair welcomed the participants. No apologies were received.

II. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted without changes.

III. Declarations of Interest of Working Groups members

In accordance with EFSA's Policy on Independence³ and the Decision of the Executive Director on Competing Interest Management⁴, EFSA screened the Annual Declarations of Interest filled out by the Working Group members invited to the present meeting and the preparatory meetings listed under agenda item "Preparatory meeting/s with Risk Assessment". No conflicts of interest related to the issues discussed in these meetings have been identified during the screening process, and no interests were declared orally by the Working Group members at the beginning of these meetings.

IV. Tour de table

¹ As defined in Article 34 of the document "Implementing Rule of the Management Board of the European Food Safety Authority laying down the rules on the selection, appointment and operations of the Scientific Committee, Scientific Panels and of their Working Groups": <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/paneloperation.pdf>

² As defined in the "EFSA's Catalogue of support initiatives during the life cycle of applications for regulated products": <https://efsa.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.2903/sp.efsa.2021.EN-6472>

³ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/independence-policy-2024.pdf

⁴ https://www.efsa.europa.eu/sites/default/files/corporate_publications/files/decision-ed-on-competing-interest-management-2024.pdf



The participants at the 1st WG meeting provided a brief introduction of their background and their involvement in other EFSA's activities, if any.

V. Scientific topic(s) for discussion

The members of the Working Group were given a brief overview of the Background and Terms of Reference (ToR) for the mandate [EFSA-Q-2025-00620](#). The project plan and timelines were presented and the proposal for the approach to be taken was discussed. The members of the WG discussed the structure of the draft opinion, the interpretation of the ToR and the protocol. Finally, the WG was informed of the CONTAM Way of Working. Tasks were distributed to the members of the WG.

VI. Any Other Business

None.

VII. Next meeting

The next meeting will be held in September 2026, via web conference.
