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- 1) The Advisory Board nominations were confirmed by the NORA 2 Scientific Committee. It should be noted that the NORA 2 Scientific Committee would like to thank all nominees. The Committee noted that while the main research interests and stakeholder groups are well represented on the Board, there is currently a lack of representation from Scandinavia, the Iberian Peninsula and from hatcheries and they recommended that moving forward the Advisory Board could consider addressing these gaps in representation. It was also noted that NORA members from Scandinavia and hatcheries were present at NORA 2 and therefore had the opportunity to nominate.

The current Advisory Board comprises of the following NORA members:

Kruno Bonačić, University of Dubrovnik

Pierre Boudry, Ifremer

Cass Bromley, Scottish Natural Heritage

Alison Debney, Zoological Society London (UK- Ireland Native Oyster Network)

Tristan Hugh-Jones, Atlantic Shellfish Ltd. Cork

Henning von Nordheim, BfN and Rostock University

Bernadette Pogoda, Alfred Wegener Institut

Jo Preston, University of Portsmouth (UK- Ireland Native Oyster Network)

Bill Sanderson, Heriot Watt University, Scotland

Hein Sas, Sas Consultancy

- 2) Presentation and discussion of the proposed role of the NORA Secretariat. See Appendix A.
  - The Advisory Board approved the proposed role of the NORA Secretariat. There are outlined in Appendix A, which will be shared alongside these minutes.

3) Defining the role of the Advisory Board.

- The Advisory Board agreed that the role of the Advisory Board is to represent the views of the NORA community in providing guidance to the Secretariat. Their role also extends to supporting NORA members and working groups with advice when requested.
- The Advisory Board agreed to take on the following specific duties:
  - i. To establish a selection criteria and process for the selection of future Advisory Boards. It is noted that the current Advisory Board has agreed to a two year term.
  - ii. The Advisory Board will approve the establishment of NORA working groups proposed by members to the Secretariat. The NORA Advisory Board offer their expertise and support to the Working Groups and invite the Working Groups to contact them if they identify any needs that the NORA Advisory Board can address.
  - iii. The Advisory Board will approve the establishment of any other NORA committees.
  - iv. The Advisory Board will review the offers of NORA members to host the NORA conferences and determine which offer to accept.
  - v. The Advisory Board will provide guidance in identifying conference themes and structure, in partnership with the host organization(s).

4) Consideration of NORA 3 host offers.

- The NORA Advisory Board would like to thank all those who kindly offered to host NORA 3 in 2020. NORA can only function as a network with the enthusiasm and support of its members and the members' dedication and contributions are gratefully acknowledged.
- The NORA Advisory Board have agreed to accept the offer from Hein Sas (Sas Consultancy) and Karel van den Wijngaard (ARK Nature) to host, with partners, NORA 3 in the Netherlands in the Autumn 2020.

5) Consideration of proposed NORA Working Groups.

- It was agreed that the four working groups established at the Berlin Conference be approved: Site selection, Monitoring, Production and Disease
- It was agreed that the working group "Disease" should be re-named "Biosecurity".
- The Advisory Board recommended that, while no explicit working group for genetics exists at this time, that experts on shellfish genetics be sought as appropriate in existing working groups.

6) Protocol for letters of support

- It was agreed that the NORA Advisory Board would be happy to review executive summaries of relevant research projects requesting letters of support, on an ad-hoc basis as required. The Secretariat will work with the project leads to ensure that pertinent information is summarized and the points relevant to the NORA community are highlighted. NORA members are urged to submit any such requests as early as possible, to allow the Advisory Board time to consider the NORA response.

7) Update from the UK-Ireland Native-Oyster Network (Dr. Jo Preston) and Update on Monitoring Guidelines (with UK-Ireland Network) and Biosecurity Guidelines (with UK-Ireland Network).

- The UK-Ireland Native Oyster Network are working towards drafting Oyster restoration hand book, appendices to the Global Restoration Handbook by The Nature Conservancy which is being launched at SER this month.
- The UK-Ireland Network have outlined Oyster Restoration Monitoring Guidelines at their earlier network meetings. They have secured funding for a writing workshop in Portsmouth in December 2019. The UK-Ireland Network would like to invite contributions from the NORA network. Please contact the NORA Secretariat if you would like further information and are interested in attending.
- The UK-Ireland Native Oyster Network and NORA are working to secure from funding for a workshop to develop Biosecurity Guidelines in January 2020. More details will follow.

8) Publishing of Minutes from the Advisory Board Meeting.

- The Advisory Board agreed that the results of discussions minuted at the Advisory Board should be shared on the NORA website to allow for full transparency.

9) AOB

- The Advisory Board note that determining appropriate funding or a funding mechanism for the longer term financial support of the NORA Secretariat and the NORA Network is a matter of urgency. This issue will be tabled for discussion at the next Advisory Board Meeting.