

EFSA Offices Reports. EFSA SCM/AGM 6th May 2026.

The EFSA Standing Committee Meeting (SCM) and Annual General Meeting (AGM) 2026 were held on Wednesday 6th May in Noordwijk, The Netherlands at the Hengelsportvereniging “De Sportvisser” clubhouse and started at 13.30. Representatives from five Sections were present at the meetings and three by Zoom. At the SCM past championships and future championships were discussed and the EFSA Officers reports were presented. Next year (2027) the Species and the Boat championships will be held from Elsingore, Denmark. The Shore Championships will be held in Wexford, Ireland. At the AGM the accounts of the EFSA Sea Angling Federation for 2025 were approved and some members of EFSA Board re-elected.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

EFSA President/Chairman report for SC/AGM in Noordwijk 6th of May 2026

Dear EFSA SC members and section delegates,

Welcome to Noordwijk. Since we last met in August last year a lot has happened.

I was fishing the well-run EFSA Shore championships in Langeland, Denmark, hosted by EFSA Germany. Congratulations go to Stuart Jones from England for winning the gold pin and to all the other winners of those competitions.

As a committee, EFSA HQ, have worked hard to tighten up some of the rules to address issues brought forward by anglers attending our events. More of that is on the agenda later.

Another challenge has been to encourage sections to come forward with future events. A special thanks must go to section Iceland for offering to host this year’s EFSA European species championships on relatively short notice in August.

Now we look reasonably well set for boat events until 2028.

The EFSA specimen awards took off well leading into 2025 but has somewhat stalled recently. I guess we would need a few more sections to come forward with their own specimen sizes for boat and shore to coordinate with our Fisheries Officer.

I like our website and the updates posted on there. Please keep sending in feedback and reports for publication.

Since we are here in Holland for the first time for our spring SC meeting and AGM you can see that we are also trying new ways to organise our official gatherings. This may lead to reaching out to different and potential new members of EFSA who had so far not been meeting our committees.

With this I wish EFSA Netherlands a fantastic EFSA European Shore Fishing Championships this week.

Marcus Wüst
EFSA President/Chairman
April 2026

GENERAL SECRETARY’S REPORT

Dear EFSA Members,

Firstly, may I apologise for my inability to attend today’s meeting due to illness.

I would like to thank all committee members and section secretaries for their continued work on behalf of members. It is good to see all executive committee members going forward in their positions, three of them for a further three-year period.

It is great have seen another successful year for EFSA come and go. 2025 saw all championships successfully hosted apart from the Line Class event which did not take place. May I thank and congratulate sections Netherlands (Species), Norway (Boat) and Germany (Shore) for the great work done

to host their events. Unfortunately, I could only attend one of these, the Boat Championship hosted by EFSA Norway. Sadly, the event which had so much promise been marred by a vicious summer storm. May I congratulate the individual winners and other prize winners in all events.

May I commend sections Netherlands (Shore) and Iceland (Species) and our affiliate associations in South Africa for their hosting of events (Boat and Line Class and Big Game) in 2026 giving us a full programme. May I wish all of them the very best. So far for 2027 EFSA Denmark will host a five-day Species and Boat Championship in August and EFSA Ireland will host the Shore championship in October. The Species Championship is available to host.

The EFSA website is now the main go to for information. In it you can find the EFSA Handbook. This is for the time being a digital publication which contains all necessary information regarding The Constitution, General Rules, Records, Championship Reports and much more. This year the annual reports from Sections have also been included. Some sections will have sent their reports for the AGM. I would ask any Sections who have not yet sent a report to do so. I'm sure your domestic event winners would be happy to see their names included. We will not be compiling the content until the autumn so there is plenty of time. Sponsorship through advertisements is also important. Any help in this area will be very much appreciated. It is easily downloaded to keep for a handy reference.

Entry numbers to championships are dropping year on year and it is something that needs to be noted. Reading Sections' reports from the past few years it would appear that cost is the main issue for many. Off season dates might help reduce costs but might also affect the fishing. Suggestions that hosting sections should seek sponsorship to reduce costs is laudable but not easily achieved. Tackle shops are inundated with requests from local club and league hosts and can only support so much. Anglers now buy much of their requirements from online websites. Great for the angler but it will eventually lead to the closure of local tackle shops. Tackle manufacturers are difficult to approach independently, and they are usually brought along by these same tackle shops.

Sections do not host EFSA Championship events lightly. They cannot accurately predict cost to determine an entry fee without knowing the entry numbers. This applies particularly to boat events. Charter boat hire and bait account for most of a boat event entry fee. Sections therefore must take a best guess and make contingencies to try to avoid losses. There is no counter to this whereby a section encountering a loss can seek compensation and it would not be easily introduced. We are therefore as always heavily dependent on the generosity of hosting sections.

I'll sign off at this point and wish all members a pleasant and successful fishing season in 2026

Warren Doyle, EFSA General Secretary.

TREASURER OFFICER'S REPORT

The finances of EFSA HQ remain steady with 2025 showing a slight surplus. Membership income slightly down in 2024 as some Sections members reduce. One major expense in 2025 was completion of the website, so expenditure going forward will just be ongoing upkeep of the site. The 400 club is still strong with money in the pot to support juniors that take part in Championships, so bear this in mind if you know of any youngsters that would like experience in taking part.

So, I see no changes to Levy of Championship for the foreseeable future. Just leaves me to wish all Championship organisers for 2026 success hosting their events, and all anglers that take part let us enjoy the efforts of the few.
See you all next week.

Best regards

Kim Bowden, EFSA Treasurer.

BOAT FESTIVAL OFFICER'S REPORT

President, members of the board, ladies and gentlemen here is the report from the boat officer. In 2025 we had following competitions

Fedje European championship 2025

The European Sea Angling Championship Fedje 2025 will unfortunately be remembered as the championship that blew away.

I will anyway say that the championship was a success, and the weather can't be controlled.

The organizers had done a big job, and we thank them for that.

Prize giving and the Farewell ceremony was brought forward to Friday evening.

All the winners are presented in the report from Norway and Fedje 2025. See full report on our homesite and photos in the gallery.

Species Championships 2025.

Thursday evening, 19th June, the EFSA Species Championships 2025 were kicked off.

The opening took place in Deltapark Neeltje-Jans with 28 participants from 6 sections.

The championship was a success with nice weather, good fishing and well organized.

All the winners and a lot of photos are presented in the report from Nederland. See full report on our homesite.

Forthcoming tournaments:

2026

Species championship Iceland

EFSA Island showed their sportsmanship when they took over the species championship on short notice when Sweden could not go true with the championship during Hans Lind suddenly death all too early.

The European Species Championship 2026 will be held from Dalvik, North-Iceland from 27th August to 30th August. The fishing spots. We will be fishing from the fishing grounds near Dalvik and in bay of Eyjafjordur. Thorir will present the competition at this meeting.

Boat and Line championship South Africa

Around 60 anglers from at least 8 nations will fight for the championship. The organizers have everything under control, and we are looking forward to fish in the Struisbaai waters. Allen Ford is the man to contact if you have any questions.

2027

Denmark European championship boat and species will be held in Helsingør.

The presentation will be held at the EFSA SC meeting.

The presentation from Denmark / Martin Hubert will be via Teams or facetime. Questions can be asked.

Line competition is open for 2027 non-applicants

2028

EFSA Belgium will apply to host Species in Belgium in 2028, with the cooperation of EFSA members from Robby fish.

EFSA England will apply to host European Boat Championship 2028, possibly on 25th to 29th September with 2 big fish days and 3 species days.

2029

Non applicant for any event.

Oslo 28.04.2026

Lars Hellum, EFSA Boat Officer.

GAME FESTIVAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Review of Championships held at Hout Bay, Cape Town, South Africa - 6th May to 10th May 2024

See Previous Reports and the Website.

Future Championships;

Hout Bay, Cape Town South Africa 2026 – 1st to 6th November

This will be held in the week preceding the European Boat Championships. There are five allocated fishing days, i.e. Monday to Friday and the best three will be chosen based on the weather forecast. At present eight teams of three have entered, comprising two from South Africa, one from England, one from Gibraltar, one from the Netherlands, one from Iceland, one barbarian team consisting of two competitors from Iceland and one from England and one barbarian team, to be confirmed, consisting of two competitors from Scotland and one from South Africa. Therefore, it is anticipated that six nations will be represented.

Any proposals for future events are welcome from the Sections.

SUPPLIES OFFICER'S REPORT

Supplies Officer report for the standing committee meeting and AGM 6th of May 2026 at Noordwijk, Netherlands

Sales 2025

Goods were sold in Pound Sterling 313.00 and in Euro 669.00.

Handling of events in 2026

The delivery of the medals and Venue bars for the Shore Championships in Noordwijk has been completed. Unfortunately, we noticed that all the bronze medals delivered were stained. An attempt to clean them with strong cleaning agents was unsuccessful. A complaint has been filed with the supplier, K hler Emblemer ApS, but a resolution has not yet been reached.

Orders for the medals for the Species Championships in Iceland have already been placed. The number of venue bars required will be determined in early June, once the registration deadline has passed.

New EFSA Pin for "Special Services"

The new EFSA Pin was delivered at the end of 2025, and the first units were shipped to Belgium.

Internet Shop

At the last meeting, I reported that our partner, with whom we had planned to implement direct ordering, had fallen through due to change in business strategy. In the end, it was a huge waste of time.

Here's what happened next: After various discussions with potential partners, the plans fell through for the following reasons:

- No delivery Europe-wide
- Quality compromises would have to be made
- Order quantities were too small

As a last option, it was discussed that all orders would be processed manually through me and ultimately routed through EFSA HQ. This means that the business partners are not the members and the manufacturer, but rather EFSA HQ and the manufacturer. This means that if, for example, there are quality or size issues, EFSA HQ is left to deal with them.

My preliminary proposal on this matter:

Each section should order the desired clothing locally from a local supplier. EFSA HQ will provide logos with high resolution, which guarantee excellent quality.

PS. We currently have requests for 4 items of clothing from Iceland and Denmark.

Best regards,

Hans-Juergen Glaeser, EFSA Supplies Officer.

PR OFFICER'S REPORT

It is now a little more than a year since a new EFSA HQ website, <https://efsafishing.org>, was formally opened (January 2025).

Since opening the website, the work on it has been on-going. All the brochures and information for each respective Championships, reports, pictures and results are published on the website as soon as they are sent out by the Sections organizing the venues.

Collecting information about EFSA Species Championships 2001 to 2024 and EFSA Game Championships 1990 to 2024 is finished. The lists have been published in the Trophy Winners subpart as the others Trophy Winners Lists (Boat & Line, Shore). In the work collecting the information former and current EFSA HQ Officers helped me a lot, otherwise it would not been possible to find all the information. And I thank them very much. The fish record lists from the Section are coming in slowly and I only have received lists from four sections: Belgium, England, Iceland and Ireland.

In the News column there you can find the latest announcement from the Sections e.g. about the upcoming Championships, the 400 Club draw, reports from EFSA HQ Officers and more. I urged all Sections to send in news from their Sections. Apart from European Championships it can be their local venues, meetings, announcements or other matter they wish to publish on EFSA HQ website.

I stress that it is necessary to let all the members of EFSA and others interested in sea angling know about the new website and its content and thus increase the viewing and the traffic to the website.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Sections I have been in contact with and my fellow officers of EFSA HQ.

Reykjavik, 11th April 2026.

Thorir Sveinsson, EFSA PR Officer.

SHORE FESTIVAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Standing committee meeting and AGM. Held on 6th of 2026 at Noordwijk, Netherlands.

My report is only a short one.

First, I would like to thank and congratulate section Germany in running a successful Championships in Langland in 2025.

Section Netherlands are hosting it in 2026, and Miranda and her team have kept me updated I am sure that it will be well run and hopefully plenty of fish.

EFSA WALES will not be running the Championships in 2027, but Section Ireland have stepped in which will be run out of Wexford thank you Warren.

2028 is open for suggestions.

Phil Lustig, EFSA Shore Festival Officer.

FISHERIES OFFICER'S REPORT

Good afternoon EFSA delegates and officials, apologies for not being with you today.

Sadly it has been a slow year with only a few notable fish being recorded.

Steve Brill had a magnificent "shore caught Redfish", of 5-8oz (58cm) breaking the previous record held by David Wood Brignal who by chance was the tour guide and witness to the catch.

Steve Mason (EFSA Iceland) has landed a magnificent specimen plaice of 63cm from the shore. This is the first Shore specimen for Iceland and Marcus will be presenting his well earned specimen badge at the prize giving later in week. (Please take pics).

There have been a few more specimens fish coming in from Other sections. Details of these will soon be uploaded to website.

The roll out of the specimen awards is still ongoing.

There are still some outstanding Ling “specimens” that were caught in Fedje which i have been made aware of, but members may not be aware of their specimen status, at the time. This in time should be resolved with more visibility of specimen fish at future championships, The specimen awards are evolving, and in time will reward the member for a notable fish. Sadly pictures of the specimen Ling at Fedje are rare due to the weather conditions during the championships. But if you or any of your section members did have specimen Ling please get in touch, as it’s not too late. I have a list now of the “big ones” and will as time Allows make contact and record.

I would like to thank my fellow delegates and officers for their continued support. This concludes my report and I would like to wish you all tight lines for the championships ahead.

Neil Cottington, EFSA Fisheries Officer.