



Intervention #13 - Regulation 13 Assessment of Applicants [and applications] - delivered by Sergio Cambronero on 19/07/2023

Thank you madame co-facilitator

In paragraph 1(g)(iii), DOSI supports the reference to 'intense fishing activity' in line with UNCLOS. Yet as this is neither defined nor explained in the Regulations, DOSI agrees with Norway in the need of a definition of the term 'intense fishing activity', and suggests providing guidance to the LTC about what it means and how this could be assessed. For example, fishing intensity can be measured as the number of vessels, fishing hours, catch, or other criteria. The criteria and methods to assess 'intense fishing activity' can be included in a Standard or Guideline. These should outline what would be acceptable levels of interactions between mining activities and fishing and what is not. Additionally, these Standards or Guidelines should be developed in consultation with fishing organizations. This would also be in line with the obligation under the Convention to have reasonable regard for other marine uses.

Thank you.