

# Scottish Aquaculture Industry Leadership Group

## Meeting 1 Agenda and Actions Note

Attendees:	Date:	10.45 - Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February 2017
Ministerial Lead – Fergus Ewing MSP Co-Chair Jim Gallagher (JG); Co-Chair-Stewart Graham (SG); Alban Denton (AD); Charlie Bullock (CB); Charlotte Wright (CW); David Morrice (DM); Heather Jones (HJ); Ian Jardine (IJ); James Withers (JW); Michael Tait (MT); Mike Palmer (MP); Scott Landsburgh (SL); Stewart Hawthorn (SH); Terry A’Hearn (TA’H)	Iain Sutherland (IS) Secretary Sarah Burnett (SB) Comms  Apologies: John McNairney (JM)	
Agenda :	Who/Estimated time :	
1. Introductions & Tea/Coffee 1.1 Meeting format, agenda and desired outcomes 1.2 Appointment of BTA and Feed Sector members 1.3 Adoption of Draft Governance 1.4 Opening Statement on ILG Purpose & Industry Strategic Priorities	All – 10.45 – 11.00  SG-11.00 – 11.20	
<b>Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing MSP –Opening Statement to Co Chairing Meeting Sections 2-5</b> (Public/Private Alignment for growth; three pillars of Sustainability, graduate placement, living wage, Scottish Government support of Food Exports/ SF&D )	Fergus Ewing MSP 11.20 – 11.30	
2. A Compelling Opportunity – presentation	JG - 11.30 – 11.45	
3. The Blockers to Growth & Unlocking the Growth 4.1 Biological Challenges – Sea Lice/ Gill Health 4.2 Consenting issues 4.3 Regulatory burden	SL -11.45 – 12.15	
4. Progressing Strategic Lead Recommendations 4.1 Formation of an Industry Leadership Group ( <i>Rec 1- p8</i> ) 4.2 The role of Marine Scotland ( <i>Rec 5 p9</i> )  <b>Break for Lunch</b>  4.3 Development of Innovation Sites in Scotland ( <i>Rec 11 p11</i> ) 4.4 Mapping of Future Skills Requirements ( <i>Rec 16 p13</i> )	- 12.15 – 12.45 SG SG  -12.45 – 13.15  HJ CW	

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<p>5. Progressing Strategic other Priority Recommendations</p> <p>5.1 Aquaculture to become core growth sector (<i>Rec 2 p8</i>)</p> <p>5.2 Short Term improvements to consenting process (<i>Rec 6 p10</i>)</p> <p>5.3 Clarity in the SPP &amp; National Planning Framework (<i>Rec 7 p10</i>)</p> <p>5.4 SEPA Modelling &amp; Collaboration (<i>Rec 10 p11</i>)</p> <p>5.5 Alignment &amp; Delivery of RD&amp;I to support growth (<i>Rec 12 p12</i>)</p> <p>5.6 Support for the indigenous supply chain (Rec 14 p13)</p> <p>5.7 Development of Social &amp; Economic Benefits Report (<i>Rec 9 p10</i>)</p>	<p>- 13.45 – 14.45</p> <p>SG/ CW</p> <p>SL/ MP</p> <p>SG</p> <p>TA'H</p> <p>HJ/CW</p> <p>CW/HJ</p> <p>SG</p>
<b>Chair returned to Stewart Graham for Sections 6 - 10</b>	
<p>6. 2017 Meeting Dates – suggested 8<sup>th</sup> May Stirling, 11<sup>th</sup> August Oban, 17<sup>th</sup> November Inverness)</p> <p>7. SAIC Innovation Roadmap Presentation</p> <p>8. Press Communications</p> <p>9. AOB -</p> <p>10. Optional working/ networking session</p>	<p>SG – 14.45 – 14.50</p> <p>HJ – 14.50 – 15.00</p> <p>JW</p> <p>SG – 15.00 – 15.15</p> <p>All – 15.15 – 15.30</p>

Item	Comment/Action	Who/When?
1	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>SG welcomed attendees, outlining the format for the meeting and desired outcomes for the ILG. Representatives of BTA and the feed sector were accepted as ILG members. The draft governance text was agreed with minor amendment and will be reviewed by the ILG in 12 months' time. It was agreed to allow substitutes by exception on agreement of the Co-Chairs</p>	

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	<p><b>ACTION</b> Amend draft governance. Review governance.</p>	IS – April ILG – Feb '18
	<p>Cabinet Secretary Ewing welcomed the formation of the ILG as fulfilling the lead recommendation of the industry's Vision 2030 working group. Scottish Government viewed the aquaculture industry as an outstanding success which promised further economic and social benefits through growth in output but also through greater development of supply chain businesses across Scotland.</p>	
2	<p><b>SUMMARY</b> Presentations by JG and SL highlighted global population growth, demand for protein foodstuffs and the opportunity to develop the contribution of protein from aquatic environments. It was agreed these were strong positive messages for all ILG members to share, building awareness of the industry's positive features and growing acceptance of its rightful position in the economic landscape.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b> Share presentations with all ILG members for further dissemination by them of the key messages.</p> <p>Industry to consider its response to the "People Places and Planning" consultation and its contributions to climate change plans in light of the carbon efficiency of aquaculture as a source of protein.</p> <p>Examples of undue delay and concerns over aquaculture planning/consenting to be communicated to MS.</p> <p>Industry to develop proposals for building constructive dialogue between salmon aquaculture and salmon fishing interests, with help from Scottish Government.</p>	<p>JG, SL, IS – April</p> <p>SG, SL – March/April</p> <p>Industry members – ongoing</p> <p>SL, MP - April</p>
3	<p><b>SUMMARY</b> Discussion confirmed that the challenges facing the salmon industry were the subject of intensive R&amp;D efforts aimed at developing a range of measures delivering high health standards.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p>	

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	<p>Establish rationale for MSS decision not to participate in international salmon genome sequencing project.</p> <p>Scottish Government will provide a progress report to the ILG on securing the eight "quick wins" identified in the ICR report.</p> <p>JG will submit briefing to Mr Ewing on the operation of consenting procedures in Norway and in Scotland. SSPO will also contribute briefing on this subject.</p>	<p>MP - April</p> <p>MP – May ILG</p> <p>JG – April</p> <p>SL - April</p>
4	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>Formation of the ILG had been achieved several months ahead of the timing indicated in Vision 2030. A review of Marine Scotland resources and responsibilities was anticipated once the new director was in post.</p> <p>It was agreed that development of "Innovation" sites was an important issue to take forward.</p> <p>HIE and SDS were jointly progressing research to map skills requirements to 2030 to enable delivery of the industry's growth ambition.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b></p> <p>A tracking document for Vision 2030 to be prepared.</p> <p>New MS director to liaise with ILG members in the course of reviewing resources and responsibilities of MS.</p> <p>T'AH to be briefed by colleagues and industry on previous discussions on the innovation site concept and to provide an updated SEPA view on the concept at the May ILG meeting</p> <p>SAIC to work up a definition of an innovation site which should consider energy consumption as well as innovative equipment, processes and regulation and share with ILG members</p>	<p>IS - April</p> <p>Director MS - May</p> <p>T'AH, JG - March</p> <p>HJ - April</p>
5	<p><b>SUMMARY</b></p> <p>HIE's new Operating Plan will establish aquaculture as a growth sector in its own right.</p> <p>MP described the progress being made on the quick wins identified in the ICR report.</p> <p>It was agreed to arrange a meeting of SSPO, BTA and ASSG with Scottish Government planners to develop greater clarity in SPP and the NPF.</p> <p>SEPA's consultation on DZR should be launched in March.</p>	

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	<p>A working group had been established to finalise development of the NEWDEPOMOD software. Working closely with SAIC, CW announced that HIE had just approved £1m for an Accelerating Aquaculture Innovation programme. SAIC had lodged second application for EMFF funding for a ~20 companies in collaboration projects.</p> <p>It was agreed there would be value in developing a Social &amp; Economic Benefits statement which could be the basis for projecting the significance of individual aquaculture developments</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b>          Aquaculture as a growth sector in HIE’s Operating Plan 2017-2020.          Meeting of SG, SSPO, BTA, ASSG and Scottish Government Planning Directorate on SPP and NPF. Critiqued, working NEWDEPOMOD to be completed. SG to discuss with CW concept of Social &amp; Economic Benefits report.</p>	<p>CW – May</p> <p>JM - April</p> <p>MP/JG – May</p> <p>SG - April</p>
6	<p><b>SUMMARY</b>          The date of next meeting, 8<sup>th</sup> May was accepted. Subsequent meeting dates will be changed to avoid holiday periods and existing commitments.</p> <p><b>ACTION</b>          Propose alternative dates for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> meetings of the ILG.          Make arrangements for ILG meeting 2.</p>	<p>IS - April</p> <p>IS - April</p>
7	<p><b>SUMMARY</b>          HJ gave a short presentation on “Scottish aquaculture: a view towards 2030” a report commissioned by SAIC and released that day. The ILG welcomed the report recognising it complemented and supported the industry’s strategy set out in “Aquaculture Growth to 2030”</p>	
8	<p><b>SUMMARY</b>          It was agreed that a short press release would be issued following the meeting. Trade contacts and industry stakeholders were the primary audience.</p> <p><b>ACTIONS</b>          Issue press release.</p> <p>A potential communications strategy for Scottish</p>	<p>SB – March</p>

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	Aquaculture to be discussed at the next ILG meeting	
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NOTES: Where new action points are agreed from the current meeting agenda they will be included in the "Who/When?" column in the section above. Where actions are outstanding from previous meetings they will be carried forward in the section below. When actions are closed off the Date of closure should be noted in the table below in the Notes/Minutes of that meeting and will thereafter be dropped off the list.

Agenda Item/Meeting Date	Carried forward Summary of outstanding actions from previous meetings	Original 'Who/When'	Date Closed