

Scottish Aquaculture Industry Leadership Group

Meeting 2 Agenda and Actions Note

Attendees:	Date:	10.30 - Monday 8 th May 2017
Ministerial Lead – Fergus Ewing MSP Co-Chair Jim Gallagher (JG); Co-Chair-Stewart Graham (SG); Charlie Bullock (CB); Charlotte Wright (CW); David Morrice (DM); Heather Jones (HJ); James Withers (JW); John McNairney (JM); Michael Tait (MT); Graham Black (GB); Mike Palmer (MP); Scott Landsburgh (SL); Stewart Hawthorn (SH); Terry A’Hearn (TA’H)	Iain Sutherland (Secretary) Apologies: Alban Denton (AD); Ian Jardine (IJ);	
Agenda :		Who/Estimated time :
1. Introductions & Tea/Coffee 1.1 Meeting format and agenda 1.2 Approval of Minutes from last meeting 1.3 Review of Outstanding Actions 1.4 Review of Meeting Structure & progress		All SG-10.30 – 11.00
Cabinet Secretary Fergus Ewing MSP –Opening Statement to Co-Chairing Meeting Sections 2-6		Fergus Ewing MSP 11.00 – 11.05
2. The Blockers to Growth & Unlocking the Growth 2.1 Biological Challenge– Sea Lice/Gill Health-Update <i>(Vision 2030 Reference: Rec 13 p12)</i> 2.2 Regulatory burden – headline challenges 2.3 Consenting issues – Detailed presentation		SL -11.05 – 11.30
3. Progressing Strategic Lead Recommendations: 3.1 Short Term Improvements to Consenting Process <i>(Rec 6 p10)</i> 3.2 Clarity in the Scottish Planning Policy and National Planning Framework <i>(Rec 7 p10)</i> 3.3 Development of a Social & Economics Benefit Report (to support Planning process) <i>(Rec 9 p9)</i> 3.4 The Role of Marine Scotland <i>(Rec 5 p9)</i> 3.5 Development of Innovation Sites in Scotland <i>(Rec 11 p11)</i> Break for Lunch		MP/ SL? 11.30 - 12.00 JM -12.00 – 12.15 SG 12.15 – 12.20 GB/MP? 12.20 – 12.30 HJ 12.30 – 13.00 13.00 – 13.30

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<p>3.6 Mapping of Future Skills Requirements (<i>Rec 16 p13</i>)</p> <p>3.7 SEPA Modelling & Collaboration (<i>Rec 10 p11</i>)</p>	<p>CW 13.30 – 14.00</p> <p>T A'H 14.00 - 14.30</p>
<p>4. Progressing other Priority Recommendations</p> <p>4.1 Crown Estate Fees and Benefits to Local Communities (<i>Rec 4 p9</i>)</p> <p>4.2 Marketing of Scottish Farmed Seafood (<i>Rec 3 p9</i>)</p>	<p>SG 14.30 – 14.45</p> <p>JW 14.45 – 15.00</p>
<p>5. Other Strategic Matters:</p> <p>5.1 Industry Stakeholder Communications – Benefits of Farmed Seafood to Scotland</p> <p>5.2 ILG Name?</p> <p>5.3 Longer Term Funding for ILG</p>	<p>15.00 – 15.30</p> <p>SG/ All</p> <p>SG /All</p> <p>CW/ JG???</p>
<p>6 Next Meetings Dates – ??? 11th August Oban, ??? 17th November Inverness) Upcoming Strategy Recommendations: Finance for Scottish Aquaculture (<i>Rec 17 p14</i>); Export Finance (<i>Rec 18 p14</i>); Essential Investment in Infrastructure (<i>Rec 19 p15</i>)</p> <p>7 AOB -</p> <p>8 Optional working/ networking session</p>	<p>SG – 15.30 – 15.35</p> <p>-15.35 – 15.45</p> <p>All – 15.45 – 16.00</p>

Item	Comment/Action	Who/When?
1	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>SG welcomed attendees, who confirmed they were content with the meeting format and the agenda. Minutes of Meeting 1 were approved and Outstanding Actions not addressed through the agenda were reviewed:</p> <p>SL and SG had met with JM to discuss aquaculture planning in context of a future planning bill.</p>	

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	<p>SL had drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for discussion with the new chair of Fisheries Management Scotland, Marine Scotland being seen as an essential host for the developing dialogue. MSS were now reconsidering whether to engage in the international salmon genome project. MP reported on progress in delivering the eight “quick wins” identified by the ICR report. A briefing on Norwegian consenting procedures had been prepared and would shortly be submitted to Cab Sec. A document tracking progress with the Vision 2030 recommendations, previously circulated, was accepted by the ILG.</p> <p>ACTION JM and TA’H to suggest wording for minor modification of governance including whether public bodies should be “members of” or “advisors to” the ILG JM to discuss aquaculture planning and PDR with the minister (Mr Stewart) Marine Scotland to update on “quick wins” at each ILG meeting. Briefing on Norwegian consenting procedures to be submitted to CabSec</p> <p>Cabinet Secretary Ewing noted recent significant events including the Scottish Government’s recent joint statement on supporting aquaculture growth and protecting Scotland’s environment, the 25th anniversary of Label Rouge accreditation and the 2030 ambition of the wider food and drink industry with a new strategy seeking to double turnover, success of the Scottish Pavilion at SEG Global in Brussels. Mr Ewing suggested that there would be merit in industry developing a 10 year fish health strategy and this was favourably received by the ILG.</p> <p>ACTION Marine Scotland will take the lead in organising initial discussions with industry around development of a long term fish health strategy.</p>	<p>JM, TA’H - June</p> <p>JM - June</p> <p>GB - ongoing</p> <p>JG, SL - June</p> <p>GB - June</p>
2	<p>SUMMARY SL’s presentation on blockers to growth recognised that some progress had been made but, overall,</p>	

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	<p>seeking/securing planning permission for aquaculture developments remained a tortuous process. There was scope for both regulators and industry to improve their approach but for regulators there were three clear opportunities: to simplify the marine licensing process, include the marine licence in SEPA's CAR consent and increase the numbers and/or skill of key agency staff handling aquaculture case work.</p> <p>ACTION It was agreed that over subsequent meetings the ILG will track progress in recommendations for improvements to the processes surrounding aquaculture planning applications.</p>	<p>ILG - ongoing</p>
<p>3</p>	<p>SUMMARY Short term improvements in consenting process were reported under outstanding actions. With a planning bill in process JM advised that aquaculture planning decisions indicated a positive situation but he recognised that the process as experienced by applicants might not be so positive. SG updated the ILG on plans for a Social & Economic Benefits Report template which HIE had agreed to fund. GB in his new role will be assessing the demands placed on Marine Scotland and how these should be prioritised and resourced. The role of Marine Scotland to be kept on the agenda. Discussion of Innovation Sites led to a working group being established led by HJ, with JG, SG, CW and MP wishing to participate. CW advised that HIE is in the process of procuring a contractor for the Mapping of Future Skills Requirements; then outlined the high level findings of research commissioned by HIE and supported by Marine Scotland identifying the economic and social benefits to Scotland of the aquaculture industry and its supply chain. TA'H advised that consultation on a proposed DZR regime had been held back for technical reasons and had become caught up in election purdah</p> <p>ACTION JM to inform the ILG of key dates for inputting to deliberations on planning bill and the NPF.</p>	<p>JM – June, ongoing</p>

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4	<p>SUMMARY Following a short discussion, ILG members decided to write to CabSec for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform, requesting a meeting to advance industry's views on the Crown Estate and its reform. The approach to marketing of Scottish farmed seafood in the context of wider food and drink branding was discussed. The key role of Seafood Scotland was recognised and, while the recent funding award was welcome, the organisation clearly needed more secure financial arrangements for the longer term.</p> <p>ACTION IS to draft a letter from the ILG to Ms Cunningham requesting a meeting to discuss how the Industry Strategy Recommendation 4 could be progressed in utilisation of Crown Estate fees directly benefiting host communities</p> <p>JW will lead on this action, arranging an early meeting of ILG co-chairs with Patrick Hughes of Seafood Scotland.</p>	<p>IS,SG - June</p> <p>JW - June</p>
5	<p>SUMMARY HJ confirmed that the funds for comms work offered at the previous ILG meeting had been forthcoming and were being held by SAIC. It was essential that a communications plan was developed and tightly managed to ensure ILG comms and member comms were coordinated. An appropriate name for the ILG would be considered as part of that process. The meeting agreed that while there might be a future requirement to secure ongoing funding for the ILG's work, funds would meantime be sought/secured as needed for specific activities.</p> <p>ACTION JW to convene a meeting of the ILG members' comms leads to initiate development of the ILG comms plan</p>	<p>JW – June</p>
6	<p>SUMMARY Date of next two meetings to be Monday 21st August, to be held in the SAIC board room, Scion House, Stirling, and Monday 13th November to be held in the</p>	<p>IS - June</p>

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	<p>Stirling area [Note: - exact date and location will change].</p> <p>ACTION MT to present an introductory piece at the August meeting on Finance for Scottish Aquaculture. CB will give a presentation to the August ILG meeting on the state of the market and customer/consumer perceptions of Scottish farmed salmon. A conference call on the infrastructure recommendation will be organised involving SG, Hi-Trans and HIE</p>	<p>MT - August</p> <p>CB - August</p> <p>IS - June</p>

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
Meeting 1 Item 3.2	Update on "Quick Wins" of the ICR report	Marine Scotland - Ongoing	
Meeting 1 Item 3.2	Briefing to Mr Ewing on operation of consenting procedures in Norway and in Scotland.	JG, SL - April	