

Scottish Aquaculture Industry Leadership Group

Meeting 8 – Thursday 14th March 2019

Agenda and Draft Actions Note

Attendees:	Date:	14 th March 2019 09:00-12:00 approx Salisbury Suite, MacDonald Holyrood Hotel, Edinburgh
Ministerial Lead – Fergus Ewing MSP (FE) Co-Chair Jim Gallagher (JG); Co-Chair Stewart Graham (SG); Alastair Mitchell (AM); Alban Denton (AD); Alison Hutchins (AH); Bill Ellis (BE); Cathy Tilbrook (CT); David Harley (DH); Elaine Jamieson (EJ); Graham Black (GB); Heather Jones (HJ); Julie Hesketh-Laird (JHL); Kate Higgins (KH); Michael Montague (MM); Michael Tait (MT); Terry A’Hearn (TA’H)	Iain Sutherland (Secretary) Apologies: Charlotte Wright (CW); James Withers (JW); John McNairney (JM); Mike Palmer (MP)	
Agenda:	Who/Estimated time:	
1. Introductions, Tea/Coffee	09:00 – 09:30	
1.1 Approval of minutes from last meeting	All	
1.2 Review of outstanding actions not on agenda	SG	
1.3 Proposed retirals and succession: co-chairs and secretariat	SG/JG	
1.4 Review of governance	All	
1.5 AILG communications	SG	
2. Progress Updates on Recommendations:	09:30 – 09:50	
2.1 Updates on Interactions and Technical Working groups	GB/AM	
2.2 Brexit implications	FE	
3. Discussion on the main purpose of AILG going forward:	09:50 – 10:25	
3.1 General response to RECC report recommendations and reviewing regulatory environment	JG/SG/JHL	
3.2 Presentation of Progress Tracker	IS	
3.3 Reviewing Strategy recommendation priorities	All	
4. Outline “Innovation Site” proposal	10:25 – 10:55	
4.1 Innovation projects under the current consenting & licencing regime.	SG/JG	
4.2 Future Innovation Site under a Marine Licencing regime	SG/JG	

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Coffee/comfort break	10:55 – 11:10
5. The Consenting Review – do we now consider progressing towards a Marine Licencing regime?	SG/All 11:10 – 11:20
6. Updates: 6.1. Supply Chain Summit 6.2. Skills action plan 6.3. SEPA Sector Plan and framework	11:20 – 11:40 EJ EJ MM/DH
7. AOB	11:40 – 11:55 All
8. Date of next meeting	11:55 – 12:00 All
Lunch/Networking	All

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Meeting 1 Item 1	AILG to review governance	ILG – Feb 2019	
Meeting 1 Item 3.2	Update on "Quick Wins" of the ICR report	Marine Scotland - Ongoing JG, SL – April 2017	
Meeting 5 Item 2.2	Preparation of AILG Progress report	IS/JW – March 2018	

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Item	Comment/Action	Who/When?
1	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>SG welcomed attendees, noting apologies received with EJ dialling in to the meeting to represent HIE. The draft minutes of Meeting 7 were approved.</p> <p>AM advised that Scottish Government solicitors who were finalising details for transfer of licensing of well boats from Marine Scotland to SEPA. SARF had just published its commissioned report on the feasibility of a single marine licence for aquaculture (http://www.sarf.org.uk/SARF113.pdf) which would be considered over coming weeks.</p> <p>Quarterly meetings of SEPA and SSPO staff had been initiated and JHL confirmed that a new communications plan for SSPO had been drafted and would be shared with the AILG following approval by the SSPO board. MT had convened the sub-group of the AILG to deal exclusively with shellfish farming issues.</p> <p>JG continues as co-chair for a further 12 months pending SSPO bringing forward a nomination for industry representative on the AILG. SG intimated his retirement from the co-chair in 12 months' time and will present to the AILG a nominee to succeed him in due course.</p> <p>JHL believed that SSPO could take on the secretariat function for the AILG in the course of 2019, this to be discussed with SG, also taking the lead on communications for the AILG.</p> <p>The AILG agreed that the governance text did not require amendment and will be reviewed by early 2021.</p> <p>ACTION</p> <p>Final minute of meeting 7 and draft minute of meeting 8 will be posted on AILG web</p>	IS – April

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	<p>site. Consider SARF report on a single marine licence for aquaculture. JHL to share SSPO final communications plan. SG and JHL to discuss AILG secretariat and AILG communications. AILG to review governance text in 2021</p>	<p>All – June JHL – June SG/JHL - May AILG – Feb 2021</p>
2	<p>SUMMARY AM summarised progress being made in the Interactions Working Group. It was important that the Working Group consider the full range on factors with scope to impact on wild salmon. The Farmed Fish Health Working Group was viewed as having worked well to date.</p> <p>ACTION Improve the fin fish farming industry’s understanding of the role and remit of the Interactions Working Group.</p>	<p>GB/MP/AM/SSPO/industry - May</p>
3	<p>SUMMARY It was felt that the Scottish Parliament debate on the RECC committee report had been fair with the positive economic contribution of the salmon farming industry widely acknowledged. SSPO’s response to the RECC committee’s report was in hand. The activity tracker was presented. The currency of the recorded actions was considered with the co-chairs agreeing to review the actions in some detail.</p> <p>ACTION Co-chairs to meet and consider the detail of the actions being tracked and whether minor or more substantial revision of the priority actions would be appropriate.</p>	<p>SG/JG-June</p>
4	<p>SUMMARY SG shared a short paper on innovation sites. Subsequent discussion highlighted how the</p>	

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	<p>current regulatory regime was proving to be a constraint upon various innovations which farm operators wished to explore on their sites. It was agreed that industry would meet with Marine Scotland to discuss the approach taken by regulators following publication of the RECC report. Industry will also meet with SEPA and with SNH to explore support for specific innovation project proposals.</p> <p>ACTION Industry to meet with Marine Scotland on regulation post-RECC report.</p> <p>Industry to meet with SEPA and with SNH to discuss innovation project concepts.</p>	<p>JHL/industry/GB/MP/AM – May</p> <p>JHL/industry/MM/CB – May</p>
5	<p>SUMMARY The SARF commissioned report on a regulatory regime based on a single Marine Licence had just been published. The topic will be discussed in industry’s meeting with Marine Scotland (Item 4 above) and the next meeting of the AILG.</p> <p>ACTION Consider discussion of a single Marine Licence for Aquaculture regime for the next AILG agenda</p>	<p>SG/JG - June</p>
6	<p>SUMMARY</p> <p>EJ updated the meeting on arrangements for the Supply Chain Summit which was intended to generate tangible outcomes. The economic importance of the supply chain was clear and the Norwegian industry demonstrated what could be achieved. Following the aquaculture skills workshop a skills action plan was being finessed with each action being assigned to a lead party. TA’H updated the group on the SEPA sector plan for aquaculture. The aim was to implement the new regime by June. Aquaculture businesses would in future each have a SEPA relationship manager.</p>	

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	<p>ACTION Encourage sign up by invitees to the Supply Chain Summit</p>	All
7	<p>SUMMARY TA'H suggested that AILG meetings would benefit from a short overview piece reflecting high level performance of the industry, emerging trends within and challenges outwith aquaculture.</p> <p>ACTION Co-chairs to consider making "big picture" a standing item for AILG agendas</p>	

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