

Scottish Aquaculture Industry Leadership Group

Meeting 9 – Thursday 6th June 2019

Agenda and Draft Actions Note

Attendees:	Date:	6 th June 2019 09:00-12:00 approx Great Scots Hall, Radisson Blu Hotel, Edinburgh
Ministerial Lead – Fergus Ewing MSP (FE) Co-Chair Jim Gallagher (JG); Co-Chair Stewart Graham (SG); Alban Denton (AD); Bill Ellis (BE); Cathy Tilbrook (CT); Elaine Jamieson (EJ); Graham Black (GB); Heather Jones (HJ); James Withers (JW); John McNairney (JM); Julie Hesketh-Laird (JHL); Kate Higgins (KH); Peter Pollard (PP); Terry A’Hearn (TA’H)	Iain Sutherland (Secretary)	Apologies: Alastair Mitchell (AM); Alison Hutchins (AH); Charlotte Wright (CW); David Harley (DH); Michael Montague (MM); Michael Tait (MT); 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	
2. Revised Priority Recommendations/Actions	09:30 – 10:00	
2.1 Presentation of revised Tracker Document	SG	
2.2 Review of revised priority recommendations and actions	SG/JG	
3. SSPO Strategy and Industry Communications	10:00 – 10:25	
	JHL	
4. SEPA Sector Plan	10:25 – 10:55	
	TA’H/PP	
Coffee/comfort break	10:55 – 11:10	
5. The Consenting Review & Progressing a Marine Licencing Regime	SG/All 11:10 – 11:30	

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6. AILG Secretariat and Communications	11:30 – 11:40 SG/JHL
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 by early 2021	ILG – Feb 2019	
Meeting 1 Item 3.2	Standing Item - Update on "Quick Wins" of the ICR report	Marine Scotland - Ongoing JG, SL – April 2017	

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Item	Comment/Action	Who/When?
1	<p>SUMMARY SG welcomed attendees, apologies noted above with attempts being made to allow AH to dial in to the meeting (ultimately unsuccessful). The draft minutes of Meeting 8 were approved. JM updated the Group on progress of the Planning Bill through Parliament and encouraged maximum engagement by the aquaculture industry in consultations around the development of the 4th National Planning Framework. The Group agreed that the agenda for the next AILG meeting should include an item on planning policy and the National Planning Framework. EJ summarised the outcomes of the Aquaculture Supply Chain Summit held 25th April. A draft report on the day's proceedings had been shared with the AILG. Attendees had been very positive about the event and it was agreed that the next significant step would be for businesses in the supply chain to consider establishing their own organisation.</p> <p>ACTION AILG members to encourage engagement by the aquaculture industry in the development of the 4th National Planning Framework. Agenda item on planning/National Planning Framework at AILG meeting 10 HIE to propose to supply chain businesses a meeting to consider establishment of a supply chain grouping.</p>	<p>All – June IS/co-chairs – August EJ/supply chain businesses - July</p>
2	<p>SUMMARY SG presented a revised Tracker Document to the Group which included a new overarching priority for the industry of securing improvements in public perceptions of Scotland's aquaculture industry. Remedies to the regulatory system identified by the RECC report were being addressed by the Scottish Government and it was recognised that</p>	

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	<p>industry had some very positive messages that had to be communicated with greater effect and impact.</p> <p>Following discussion of priority no.6 on marketing of Scottish farmed seafood, it was agreed that JW would present to the next AILG meeting on marketing initiatives. Similarly, an update on the skills activity would form part of the agenda.</p> <p>While HIE had adopted aquaculture as a priority growth sector (no.9) it was questionable whether this had been embraced across government departments and agencies.</p> <p>ACTION JW to present to AILG meeting 10 on marketing initiatives. EJ to arrange for an update on skills activity to be delivered to AILG 10.</p>	<p>JW – September EJ – August</p>
3	<p>SUMMARY JHL reported that the SSPO had developed a new Strategy focussed around Sustainability (license to operate and grow), Engagement (Social License) and Governance (framework for success). The PO had strengthened its sustainability and communications teams and was working on a proactive engagement strategy recently endorsed by board members of the organisation. AILG members welcomed the strategy and the deployment of resources by SSPO to deliver the aims of this strategy which would make a significant contribution to the new overarching priority for the AILG (item 2 - above)".</p> <p>ACTION</p>	
4	<p>SUMMARY TA'H provided the Group with an update on SEPA's implementation of their Aquaculture Sector Plan. While the sector plan would prove to be beneficial to industry and SEPA as</p>	

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	<p>regulator, the breadth and depth of community engagement through consultation events around the draft sector plan had been a very positive experience for those involved. A number of applications to SEPA were in hand awaiting decision or to be initiated under the new arrangements. It was important for SEPA to be aware of imminent applications to be able to deploy staff resources to reflect that workload. Industry should therefore liaise with SEPA on prospective applications, in the process identifying applicants' needs in operating the New Depomod software. SEPA and Marine Scotland undertook to meet to identify any issues hindering industry's operation of the software.</p> <p>ACTION Industry to liaise with SEPA to enable review of staff resources around current/prospective site applications and target timelines to decision. SEPA and Marine Scotland to identify solutions to any issues affecting industry's use of New Depomod.</p>	<p>Industry/SEPA – June</p> <p>GB/TA'H/industry - June</p>
5	<p>SUMMARY While industry had a clear appetite for perceived benefits of a consenting regime centred on a single Marine Licence for aquaculture, Marine Scotland operate the current system of marine licencing and could envisage advantages and disadvantages of such a system. It was agreed that Marine Scotland and industry would explore this subject in detail at a single topic meeting. However, the importance of improving the current consenting system was re-emphasised given the likely timescale for introduction of a single marine licence regime.</p> <p>ACTION Aquaculture industry and Marine Scotland to explore in detail the potential for regime based on a single Marine Licence in seeking an enabling framework of proportionate regulation of industry.</p>	<p>Industry/Marine Scotland - July</p>

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6	<p>SUMMARY JHL advised that SSPO were preparing to take on the AILG secretariat role. HIE and SSPO would overlap on the next meeting with SSPO assuming full responsibility thereafter.</p> <p>ACTION HIE and SSPO to liaise on handover of secretariat function.</p>	EJ/JHL - July
7	<p>SUMMARY The processing sector had been without a representative on the Group for some time. SG proposed that Ed Ley-Wilson of Aquascot join AILG to fulfil that role. This was agreed by all present.</p> <p>ACTION SG to advise Ed Ley-Wilson of AILG's agreement to his joining the Group.</p>	SG - July
8	<p>SUMMARY September was identified as an appropriate time for the next meeting.</p>	

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