

Scottish Aquaculture Industry Leadership Group

Meeting 13th December 2018 Agenda and Actions Note

Attendees:	Date:	13 th December, 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); Brian Menzies (BM) Item 8.0; Cathy Tilbrook (CT); David Harley (DH); Elaine Jamieson (EJ); Graham Black (GB); Heather Jones (HJ); Julie Hesketh-Laird (JHL); Michael Tait (MT); Mike Montgomerie (MM)	Iain Sutherland (Secretary) Apologies: Alison Hutchins (AH); Bill Ellis (BE); Charlotte Wright (CW); James Withers (JW); John McNairney (JM)	
Agenda:	Who/Estimated time:	
1. Introductions, Tea/Coffee 1.1 Approval of minutes from last meeting 1.2 Review of outstanding actions not on the agenda	All 10.45 – 11.00 SG 09:00 – 09:10	
2. Progress Updates on Recommendations: 2.1 Presentation of Progress Tracker 2.2 Marine Scotland Update on the “Quick Wins”	09:10 – 09:20 IS AM	
3. Review of performance and future focus of AILG including serving shellfish cultivation industry	JG/SG/MT 09:20 – 09:40	
4. SEPA Sector Plan review and update	DH/MM 09:40 – 10:00	
5. RECC recommendations and update	FE/JHL/JG 10:00 – 10:30	
6. Innovation sites proposal	SG 10:30 – 10:45	
7. SAIC Phase II update	HJ 10:45 – 11:00	
Coffee/comfort break	11:00 – 11:15	

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8. Contingency planning for fish mortalities	BM 11:15 – 11:35
9. Updates: 9.1 Supply chain summit 9.2 Skills workshop/action plan 9.3 Aquaculture logistics research	EJ 11:35 – 11:50
10. AOB	All 11:50 – 12:00
11. Date of next meeting	All 12:00 – 12:05
Lunch/networking	

Item	Comment/Action	Who/When?
1	<p>SUMMARY SG welcomed attendees, noting apologies received. DH and MM as SEPA representatives were attending AILGT for the first time and a round of introductions followed. The draft minutes of Meeting 6 were approved. There were no outstanding actions outwith the agenda for the day.</p> <p>ACTION Final minute of meeting 6 and draft minute of meeting 7 will be posted on AILG web site.</p>	IS - January
2	<p>SUMMARY The activity tracker was circulated. The priority actions date back to the preparation of the 2030 growth ambition and AILG will consider how a fundamental review of these priority actions will be undertaken. AM provided an update on the transfer of well boat discharge licensing from SEPA to Marine Scotland. A Statutory Instrument will now be laid before Scottish Parliament. AM will provide an indicative timescale for this. The EIA template under development was</p>	

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	<p>currently being considered by the Interactions Working Group. AM will update AILG on the examination of aquaculture licensing opportunities commissioned by the Scottish Aquaculture Research Forum.</p> <p>The introduction of new modelling software by SEPA will increase workload as farming businesses apply to have site consents reviewed.</p> <p>ACTION AILG to consider recasting the activity tracker in light of progress achieved and changes in priorities since 2016. AM to update AILG on the SI and the SARF project SSPO will organise quarterly liaison meetings with SEPA staff to facilitate handling of applications by SEPA for remodelling of existing marine sites</p>	<p>All – Feb</p> <p>AM – Jan/Feb JHL/MM - Jan</p>
3	<p>SUMMARY The first two years of the AILG had been productive but it was agreed that the aim of a fit for purpose consenting/regulatory framework remained some way from being a reality. Communications about the AILG’s work and its achievements had to be ramped up. Salmon interests recognised that their sector in particular faced challenges around wider perceptions/misconceptions and resources were now being put in place to deliver a step change in the industry’s external communications. AILG business had been heavily focused on fin fish aquaculture issues; the need for separate discussion shellfish farming matters was agreed.</p> <p>ACTION SSPO to develop and share salmon sector’s strategic communications plan. MT to lead establishment of a shellfish sub-group of the AILG.</p>	<p>JHL – March</p> <p>MT - Jan</p>

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4	<p>SUMMARY DH updated the meeting on SEPA's Aquaculture Sector Plan and nine associated roadshow events held across Scotland. These had been well attended with a wide range of community, angling, sea fisheries and aquaculture industry interests engaging positively with SEPA staff. Discussion highlighted the wider environmental context in which aquaculture operated including carbon budget.</p> <p>ACTION Industry to share wider environmental performance information with SEPA and other regulators e.g. SSPO-SEPA liaison group (above)</p>	SSPO/industry
5	<p>SUMMARY Publication of the report on the RECC inquiry into salmon farming had been broadly welcomed by industry. This will be followed by a parliamentary debate on the report, likely to take place around the end of January/early February.</p> <p>ACTION Industry members of AILG to communicate views on the RECC report with their respective MSPs</p>	SSPO/ Industry - Jan
6	<p>SUMMARY SG updated the group on the innovation workshop held in November. Evolution of the consenting regime to enable consenting of designated "innovation sites" continued to be central to industry thinking in this area.</p> <p>ACTION SG will return to a future AILG meeting with further developed thinking on this subject.</p>	SG - Feb
7	<p>SUMMARY HJ provided a short account of SAIC's progress to date and the process being followed in seeking to secure funding for Phase II operations for the innovation centre. SAIC's success through Phase I in facilitating collaborations across scientific disciplines was especially welcome.</p>	

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	<p>ACTION None</p>	
8	<p>SUMMARY BM outlined the findings of research commissioned by Marine Scotland on contingency planning around farmed fish mortalities. The report on this work has been posted on the Scottish Government web site.</p> <p>ACTION Raise awareness among industry operators and regulators of the existence of this research report</p>	All - Jan
9	<p>SUMMARY EJ updated AILG on three pieces of work. Planning for the supply chain summit was progressing and was being timed for the end of April. The skills workstream was progressing with a workshop held in October with a range of actions identified. HiTrans together with HIE had completed a piece of research on the aquaculture industry's transport logistics now and for the future. AILG noted with concern the challenges frequently experienced in attempts to ship high value seafood produce from Shetland to the Scottish mainland.</p> <p>ACTION EJ to keep AILG informed on supply chain summit and the developing workforce skills action plan</p>	EJ - Feb
	Date of next meeting to be late February/early March	IS - Jan

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 1	AILG to review governance	ILG – Feb 2019	

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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	