

**MINISTERIAL GROUP ON SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE
CAPACITY WORKING GROUP (CWG) – PROJECT PLAN**

Theme	Proposed Actions	Progress	Lead/ Team	Expected Outcomes	Link	Timescales
Existing site capacity	Present to CWG on work on Aquaculture Database	Database launched on 1 October 2013.	Douglas Sinclair	Baseline on currently consented sites, highlighting unused consented sites	Shellfish Group	October 2013 (completed)
	Identify unused consent sites	Not an issue for salmon production. Follow-up Hjaltland offer of unused sites to shellfish farmers and development of mechanism for transfer	SG and Shellfish Group			Summer 2014
	Include planning information in database	Letter to Project Team requesting addition of planning information at earliest opportunity.	Secretariat	More layers of information on database		???
Infrastructure	Map logistics requirements – eg shoreside facilities, ports & harbours, wellboats.	Finalise map and use interactively at next meeting to identify gaps	SG	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Highlight gaps in provision which might be constraints to growth 2. Potential investment projects 	Wellboat Group	May 2014
	Consider also skills / mobile & broadband coverage / roads					
Stakeholder Engagement	Scope out key relationships – eg fishing, tourism, wider communities	Seek input from Scottish Tourism Alliance and Inshore Fisheries		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improved relationships, potential for joint projects 2. Wider support for and understanding of the sector 	Interactions Group	Summer 2014
	Consider potential projects to improve perceptions of aquaculture sector. Are there specific areas where perceptions are worse? What can be learnt from the experience of windfarms? Can community benefit improve perceptions?		SSPO			

Planning	1. Potential for tactical improvements whilst new marine planning system is being developed	Setting up sub-group to look at current process and timescales, including publication of information / evidence requirements and clarification of concurrent /sequential actions.		Agreement among regulators and end-users as to joined-up arrangements and timescales for considering applications		Summer 2014
		Little interest from halibut farmers	Alex Adrian	Pilot projects on the East Coast with non-salmonid species to be encouraged.		December 2013
	2. PDR review	Work will commence after April 2014	SG	Introduction of changes to support efficiency and capacity increases.		December 2014
	3. Build on ISLAD to ensure development of the right sites in the right places	ISLAD action plan circulated and no significant outstanding actions identified.		Complete outstanding actions in ISLAD action plan		Completed
Small business development	Support to SMEs (shellfish / trout / other species) to maintain diversity of sector and increase SME contribution to capacity target		HIE and SE	Review barriers and constraints for SMEs and how these can be addressed	Shellfish Group	
	Develop Whole Farm Business Review scheme on model currently operating for agricultural sector	LANTRA to work up model and costings to discuss with SG	SG and David Bassett	Pilot Whole Farm Business Review scheme for shellfish and trout sectors		Pilot scheme in operation in 2013-14 financial year.
	Develop a Business Development Strategy		HIE and SE			
Supply of juveniles	Review smolt / spat production in relation to capacity increase targets	Smolt production is not a problem for most salmon companies. However the Group will keep in close touch with Shellfish Group who are in the lead on spat issues	MSS	Highlight any production issues which may impact on capacity targets	Fish Health Group Shellfish Group	Summer 2014