

FISHERIES COMMITTEE

OPEN MINUTES

Fisheries Department
Thursday, 3rd December 2020
09:00am

These minutes are draft minutes until confirmed by resolution at the next meeting of this committee

Present:	The Honourable Teslyn Barkman– Chairperson	TB
	The Honourable Ian Hansen	IH
	Director of Natural Resources – Andrea Clausen	DNR
	Dr Alexander Arkhipkin	AA
	Mr. James Bates	JB
	Mr. Stuart Wallace	SW
	Mr. Lewis Clifton	LC
	Mr. Andreas Winter	AW
	Ms. Veronica Iriarte	VI

Minute Taker:	Mrs Beverley Glanville	BG
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1 Apologies for Absence ACTION

1.1 Chief Executive- Mr Barry Rowland and Mr. Hamish Wylie

2 Declarations of Interest

2.1 Industry representatives declared an interest for all items on the agenda.

3 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 3rd September 2020.

3.1 The minutes were all confirmed.

4 Matters arising from the Minutes held on the 3rd September 2020.

4.1 Item 5.4 – DNR said that as of the 1st December 2020 the line of authority for the Maritime Authority is through DESIS. We will soon write to DESIS and FIMA to formally invite them to join us at the FAC. SW asked if FIG employees are getting ready to undertake Port State Control surveys, DNR said the module is just about ready and the 2 new staff (1 Deputy Marine Officer and 1

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Maritime officer) will have Cat 2 surveyor training before they arrive to take up their post.

- 4.2 Item 5.5 SW asked about the availability of pilots, DNR said the Pilotage paper is with the Legal team and the earliest it will go to ExCo will be January 2021.
- 4.3 Item 5.4 SW asked about the ExCo paper for PSC Inspections? DNR said this has also been delayed until January 2020. LC asked when it would be rolled out if ExCo does approve. DNR hoped for this season but it depends if qualified inspectors are here.
- 4.4 Item 5.7 TB asked for insight or feedback on the Brexit negotiations, SW mentioned that the talks have been very useful and they appreciate the engagement. TB thanked the industry and FIFCA for working incredibly hard to support FIG. SW said that it looks like Tariffs will be imposed. TB said that if tariffs are imposed they will keep lobbying the UK government to raise our issues in pursuit of getting tariffs removed. DNR would welcome working with industry to see what mitigation measures can be considered.
- 4.5 SW said that the industry was relieved to see the recommendation to increase the fees wasn't supported, but was surprised to see that it was recommended in the first place. DNR said it was a matter of completeness to put that in.

5 Fishery Update

- 5.1 DNR gave a brief update on the fishery.
- 5.2 DI requested that data for catches both quarterly and annually are presented in a table format, in a cumulative manner for the year. **AA**
- 5.3 SW would like to express the industry's concern on the impact of EU tariffs that they are likely to receive for their products going forward, adding it will be real blow to the sector and the economic effect will be serious.

6 Stock Assessment - 2nd Season 2020

- 6.1 AW gave a brief overview of the paper.
- 6.2 SW asked if the oceanographic conditions were normal and if the stock was average, AW confirmed that the sea conditions were average and the stock was in good shape.

7 Lunar phase influence on D. Gahi trawl catches

- 7.1 AW gave a brief overview of the paper.
- 7.2 TB asked if something like this had been done before. AW said that nothing has been done here, but elsewhere it is looked at in various capacities, but not much in industrial fisheries.

8 Preliminary results for MMO Program- 2nd Season 2020

- 8.1 VI gave a presentation on the preliminary results for the MMO program for the 2nd season 2020.
- 8.2 LC asked if the increase of Sooty Sheerwater birds is partly responsible for the bycatch increase, and if these numbers are being looked at more closely. DNR agrees from a publicity view that if we were to publish bycatch data, we should also give bird populations as well. DNR said we look to see what we can do within operational capability to not damage the operation of the fishery and to limit mortalities.
- 8.3 LC asked if we are signed up to any convention on the matter. VI confirmed that we have not signed up to anything but importantly we pursue our own standard of proactive and collaborative attention to the issue.
- 8.4 DNR said that have taken a practical approach to operation of the fishery and we will continue to do so.
- 8.5 DI requested that the presentation be taken to LPG for information, and asked why it hadn't been shared there first. DNR said that this will happen next week and that it was added to the agenda so the preliminary work could be shared more broadly in a timely manner.

9. Date of next meeting

- 9.1 The date of the next meeting is 11th March 2021 at 10:00.
- 9.2 No Part 2.

Minutes confirmed this 15th day of December 2020.

Chairman MLA Barkman Secretary Beverley Glanville