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West Coast Regional Inshore Fisheries Group

Note of Aquaculture Work Group Meeting

14th May 2019

Venue: Atlantic Quay, Glasgow

Attendees: Femke de Boer (SWFPA), Diane Buchannan (MS), Alastair McNeill (WCRIFG), Elaine Whyte (CFA)

Email: Nick Turnbull

Apologies: None

1. Introduction

The meeting took place as an action from the WCRIFG Management Committee meeting (March 2019). The aim is to seek to implement processes and practices that will improve consultation and collaboration with the aquaculture industry in west coast inshore waters in order to improve potential losses of traditional inshore commercial fisheries.

2. Work Group Participants

Nick Turnbull, Mull has agreed to participate as a communicating member (written) and a request from Fiona Mills, Clyde Marine Planning Partnership, to participate on the work group was endorsed.

Actions: AMcN

Update Fiona Mills of meeting outcomes and future meeting dates

3. Position Statement

Work Group agreed this is a good starting point and should be put to use at the earliest date. Chair to circulate the final draft to RIFG members for further comments before making the position statement public

Actions: AMcN

Circulate draft position statement as amended

Begin using the statement including making it public by placing on WCIFG webpages

4. General Discussion

Work group members are of a similar mind that there is a need to encourage all aquaculture businesses to bring proposals for fish farm expansions/modifications or new builds to the notice of inshore fishermen via the RIFG at the earliest possible stage. An aim of the work group is to work

with the aquaculture sector and to put communication processes in place to develop rapport. The aim is also to seek to work close with local authority planners and other licensing authorities to ensure notice is taken of local commercial fishing needs where developments are proposed.

Potential contacts within the industry were mentioned and some follow-up contact with these will be made by committee members.

5. DONM

Agreed that a further meeting would be organised in July.