

Subject	F&T CFWG - February 2021 Meeting			
Meeting location	Virtual meeting on Teams			
Meeting date	26/02/2021	Minutes by	Peter Welby	Date issued dd mmm yyyy
Attendees	Alex Winrow Griffin (Brown and May Marine; BMM) AWG Andrew Third (Scottish Fishermen's Federation; SFF) ATh Andrew Whiston (Communities Inshore Fisheries Alliance; CIFA) AWh Ben King (Inch Cape Offshore Limited; ICOL) BKi Billy Wood (FIR, North of Fife) BWo Bruce Buchanan (MS) Chair Nick Brockie (Seagreen) NBr Calum Billings (Neart na Gaoithe; NnG) CBi Chloe Aird (Marine Scotland; MS) Cai Chloe Fraser (Kincardine Offshore Wind Limited; KOWL) CFr Claire Gilchrist (Neart na Gaoithe; NnG) CGi Erica Knott (NatureScot; NS) EKn Fiona Milligan (ICOL) FMi Fiona Nimmo (NnG) FNi Sandy Ritchie (FIR Borders) SRi Jenny Mouat (Regional Inshore Fisheries Group) JMo John Watt (BMM) JWa Kirsty Wright (Marine Scotland Science) KW Malcolm Morrison (SFF) MMo Iain McMyn (SSE) IMc Peter Berney (Natural Power; NP) PBe	Apologies	Anne Breadon ABr Dunbar Fisheries Association (DFA) Femke de Boer FdB Jacqui Karakaya JKa Jim Watson JWa Louise Davis LDa Elaine Whyte EWh Diane Buchanan DBU Rhys Potter RPo	



	Peter Welby (NP) PWe Raymond Hall (FIR Arbroath and Montrose) RHa Roger May (MS) RMa Sandra Turnbull (Under 10-meter Association) STu Stuart Bell SBe Douglas Watson Berwick Bank and Marr Bank Wind Farms) DWa	
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Meeting Agenda

- (1) Introductions and Housekeeping
- (2) Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting
- (3) Update on FIRs
 - a. Arbroath FIR nomination
 - b. Next FIR induction
- (4) Update from Marine Scotland on CFWG web content
- (5) FMMS/CFMS guidance update
- (6) ScotMER / Research Projects update
- (7) CFWG website text
- (8) Over – trawl surveys
- (9) FMMS and FLOWW guidance
- (10) Developer Project Updates (Developers)
- (11) AOB (Marine Scotland)
 - a. 2015 agreement
- (12) Summary of Actions and Closing (Marine Scotland / NPC)

Meeting minutes

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01	<p>Introduction and Housekeeping</p> <p>BBu: Attendees introduced, meeting etiquette and use of team's functions delivered.</p> <p>BBu: Additions to agenda discussed, changes to FMMS section on squid/scallop to be discussed during FIRs section and attendee from NatureScot to talk.</p> <p>MMo & BBu: Additional discussion regarding FIRs distributing info to members without attending meetings proposed to be covered under AOB.</p>			



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	Previous minutes agreed, comment raised regarding tone of language in the minutes from MMo and acknowledged by BBu .			
02	<p>Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting (BBu)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Action 1 – KWr has taken project submissions forward to ScotMER and is going to give an update. Action 2 – Update from LFr, drafting internal minute to discuss feedback from stakeholders, likely to be short consultation before guidance is finalised. Anyone with interests in being included in consultation to let BBu know to pass on comments and ensure inclusion. Action 3 - Dundee meeting proposed to take off agenda, no objection. Action 4 - Provide info on FIR ToR to JMo Action 5 - MMo to share contacts with JMo. Action 6 - Identify candidates for Arbroath. Action 7 – SSt and RHa to complete FIR training and to include FIR from Moray Firth, Doodle poll to be sent out to determine dates (AWG to organise). Action 8 – Contacts for FIRs, deemed not possible due to GDPR. Data not collected for the purpose of distributing to CFWG group. Action 9 - RMa has drafted a homepage for the website. Action 10 - CGi has drafted webpage for FIRs. Action 11 - BKi has provided documents and newsletters for the website. Action 12 - ScotMER presentation to be circulated has been done. Action 13 – MMo offer of Scottish fishing methods training, workshops delivered before Christmas but offer still open. Action 14 - To contact RMa or RPo if access to FLOWW liaison required, assume people who needed that have done this. Action 15 – Overtrawability In the Agenda to be 	All members All members BBu NBr MMo All AWG RMa RMa CGi BKi CGi All developers All All	Next meeting To be arranged	Closed Open Closed Closed Closed Closed Open Closed Closed Closed Closed Closed Closed Closed To be determined



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	<p>discussed comments from developers to be provided to MMo. Feedback from developers on this would be helpful.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action 16 – Comments on mitigation paper submitted to FdB, AWG to pull comments from developers together, comments to be submitted by end of month. • Action 17 – Arrange next meeting. • Action 18 – Separate discussion on Seageen FMMS has been done. • Action 19 – Kingfisher Bulletin training, still outstanding as system is still new and under development. One to keep an eye on <p>MMo: Proposal raised that Actions paper gets checked through prior to CFWG meeting so they do not need to be gone over again during the meeting</p>	All members BKi LRo/NBr JMo	This meeting End of March To be determined	Open Closed Closed Open
03	<p>Update on FIRs</p> <p>RHa: welcomed onboard for Arbroath/Montrose area.</p> <p>BWo: Comms between FIRs, FLOs and fishermen still good. Some fishermen going directly to FLOs. Some issues with face-to-face contact arising from cross-border restrictions relating to Covid, but other channels are covering this.</p> <p>BWo: Concerns raised about vessels operating in the Arbroath area without AIS.</p> <p>SRi: hearing similar reports.</p> <p>BKi: ICOL reports no vessels out in the area.</p> <p>NBR: Seagreen reports 2 vessels out Friday but demobbed same day to Fraserburgh.</p> <p>JWa: Was on one of the survey vessels and confirms AIS was on at all times and checked regularly. Vessel tracks from Seagreen vessel plotters can be made available if required.</p> <p>MMo: Concern raised that this activity was not accompanied by NtM.</p> <p>NBr: Response; none was submitted as marine coordinator deemed it not appropriate for activities being undertaken.</p> <p>Action – Consider communication to FIRs about planned vessel activities, even where NtM is not a requirement to make them aware of the situation.</p> <p>MMo: Query raised about whether this work was put out to tender?</p> <p>NBr: Undertook to confirm (NBr Post meeting note: The scout survey undertaken by BMM on behalf of Seagreen was tendered.)</p>	All developers	Going forward	Opened



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	<p>RHa: Arbroath and Montrose fishermen disappointed with non-receipt of payment within timeframes stated in agreements with Seagreen. Fishermen sceptical about signing future agreements as a result. Method of calculating payments challenged. Trust between fishermen and developers is felt to be lacking.</p> <p>Indirect impacts of gear displacement on other fishermen raised and question asked if these fishermen should also be compensated.</p> <p>AWG: Discussed two forms of offers being made covering, relocation of gear while continuing to fish and, bringing gear ashore or elsewhere to store in effort to alleviate concerns relating to displacement effect and avoid conflict. These options were brought forward by fishermen.</p> <p>RHa: commented on the issues relating to wet storage specifically that it still takes up space where fishing could occur.</p> <p>NBr: Apologies given for late payment and reasons attributed to this given. Payment system to be changed to avoid future problems.</p> <p>RHa: Arbroath fishermen voiced concerns and asked about possibility to slightly alter cable route to reduce impact on prawn tows.</p> <p>NBr: No opportunity to alter at this late stage. Assessment determined this is best route to ensure burial.</p> <p>MMO: Pointed out that Seagreen had been made aware of the Nephrops fishery in 2012 but had ignored it.</p> <p>BWo: Information provided by fishing industry not being taken onboard raised as an issue. FIRs feel that their information on these matters is not being listened to.</p> <p>RMa: Lessons learned may be that better feedback through FIRs on selection process needs to be issued.</p> <p>STu: Better consultation and collaboration with fishermen on positioning of cable routes could have helped to avoid needs for mitigation and aggravation currently being experienced.</p> <p>BBu: Proposed this topic is revisited while discussing Seagreen 1A.</p> <p>Action – RMa and NBr to speak to RHa, MMo and BWo as necessary about this issue. Determine concerns and what has been fed into MS-LOT.</p> <p>MMo & RHa: Percentage Rates being offered to remove gear had never been discussed let alone agreed. Poor co-operation, developers all using different arbitrary methods. Highlights the fact that if CFWG had been involved, it might have saved developers a lot of time, money and problems. FIRs feel that a real rate for</p>	RMa, NBr, RHa	To be fed back to group timeframe not discussed	Open



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	<p>moving not offered but rather an arbitrary proportional rate given. Issue raised as a concern that needs further discussion.</p> <p>NBr: Comments that a lot of work is being done on this and in discussion with fishermen who have generally been cooperative at providing their information to enable calculation of fair compensation payments. There is still a lot of work to be done to get it concluded.</p> <p>SRi: To date mobile gear sector are being denied compensation for disruption, they must be considered.</p> <p>STu: Can templates for Seagreens two proposals offering compensation to fishermen be tabled openly for scrutiny? Please share for comments and meaningful input at meetings</p> <p>Action – NBr (or colleague) and RHa to further discuss this outside of the meeting.</p> <p>SSt: Not a lot of feedback from fishermen in the area, waiting on DFA and some others to get back with responses. Covid is preventing face to face meeting, hard to keep track of them but up to now seem happy enough. Will keep chasing for a better update next meeting.</p>	NBr, RHa	Reported at next meeting	Opened
04	<p>Update from Marine Scotland on CFWG web content.</p> <p>RMa: Presentation on getting site established. Work underway on frontpage content. Considering what links to have on page.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Forth and Tay • Moray Firth • Licencing and consents • FMMs guidance • FLOWW <p>Inclusion of other links being discussed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KIS orca • Fish safe, etc. <p>The F&T page has been completed and submitted to Marine Scotland; this will sit under the landing page. There is information on FIR and FLO contact details including e-mail addresses and phone numbers. The FIRs ad FLO were asked if they are happy for their contact information to be put on the website. Everyone confirmed that they are content for these details to be made public on the website.</p> <p>Further links to ToR, minutes, and newsletters. Similar (3rd) page being made for Moray Firth.</p>			
05	<p>FMMS/CFMS Guidance Update</p> <p>RMa: delivers update.</p>			



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	<p>FMMS Approved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NnG • Highwind • Seagreen • Kincardine <p>Moray East consultation on their FMMS is underway. Inch Cape has not submitted any post consent plans yet. Forth Wind has not submitted post consent plans yet.</p>			
Addition	<p>NatureScot Offshore Wind – Commercial Fisheries Working Groups (Erica Knott, EKn)</p> <p>Delivery of presentation: Overview of NatureScot, previously Scottish Natural Heritage. Remit to provide strategic environmental advice including marine interests. Two departments responsible for marine activities, Marine Ecosystems (Katie Gilham) and Sustainable Coasts and Seas (Cathy Tilbrook). SMEEF (Environmental Enhancement Fund) funding in place for project manager, launching later in year for donations and application process for those interested in applying. NatureScot can help to influence future research and evidence requirements.</p> <p>Involvement of NatureScot on CFWG discussed by group. Various opinions on relevance and suitability of NatureScot in joining CFWG discussed both for and against.</p> <p>Action – CFWG members were invited to express their view on whether or not NatureScot should attend future CFWG meetings - comments to be emailed to AWG For and against comments to be emailed to AWG to gauge feeling of group.</p> <p>MMo: Point raised that group feeling has been gauged and that there is no voting system in place at behest of developers. Poll therefore cannot be turned into a decision of the group.</p> <p>Response from BBu post meeting: Feedback received from CFWG members was both for and against NatureScot's future attendance at CFWG meetings. As there is no agreement within the CFWG on this matter, Bruce Buchanan advised NatureScot on 3 March that we will not be extending the invite to NatureScot for future CFWG meetings.</p>	All members	Before next meeting	Opened
06	<p>ScotMER/Research Projects update</p> <p>KWr: Update on ScotMER research presentation</p>			



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08	<p>delivered.</p> <p>Fish and Fisheries Lit review, Brown and May. Draft report produced and steering group meeting held to consult stakeholders on draft. Feedback being collated for inclusion in final report, publishing end of March. Purpose to update ScotMER Fish and Fisheries evidence and form list of strategic projects to take forward for funding. Forum/webinar planned for April; invites will be sent out to group.</p> <p>Best Practice Guidance on Fisheries Displacement, awarded to Xodus. Five-month contract (Feb – July 2021) Outputs to include Lit review and gap analysis, evaluation of currently available data, GIS maps of case study areas, production of guidance for assessing displacement.</p> <p>OWEC (Crown Estate) fisheries project calls and funding, particularly co-existence. Deadline for project ideas over £500k was end of Feb 2021, next round will be Jan 2022. Presented at FLOWW group to discuss project ideas. No time to properly design project for this year's deadline so will be prepared for Jan 2022 submission. ORJIP funding call for fisheries co-existence projects £200K funding available. Three projects submitted jointly by ScotMER and SFF did well and will hopefully be taken forward. Better understanding how fisheries are impacted by offshore wind farms. Commercial fisheries sensitivity mapping tool. Modelling overtrawlability and cable exposure. Developing guidance on cumulative impacts for commercial fisheries. Liability/ legal (managing liability for infrastructure damage caused by fishing).</p> <p>Other Research updates: ScotMER floating wind workshops, report to be published in Spring. Collaborating with NatureScot on MSc project looking at EMF impacts from cables. Workshop planned for April 2021.</p> <p>Action – Slides to be circulated with meeting minutes.</p>	KWr	Circulate with minutes	Opened
08	<p>Over-trawl surveys</p> <p>Refresh of trawlability survey history in Forth and Tay.</p>			



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	<p>MMo: provided an overview on the document that he had prepared on over-trawling and that had been circulated to CFWG members in advance of the meeting. He pointed out the Forth and Tay developers put out a Shared Position Statement in 2015 agreeing, amongst other things, that overtrawl trials would happen. Noted consenting teams tend to move on to other projects, causing loss of agreement/common ground on this issue resulting in a loss of understanding on things we assumed had been agreed.</p> <p>Represents a big safety concern for fishermen and historic loss of life demonstrates this.</p> <p>Lesson learned Forth and Tay, discussion needs to be started early, that way less likely to cause friction.</p> <p>Suggested that Forth and Tay group should be actively considering overtrawl and what the position needs to be.</p> <p>Developer feedback requested.</p> <p>CGi: Conversation around use of sidescan/multibeam was to see if this was something else that could be looked at.</p> <p>CGi: Question raised, if cable burial is confirmed to 1-1.5m depth would there be need for physical over-trawl survey or would it only be in locations where rock protection is used in areas that get trawled?</p> <p>MMo: Response, sidescan sonar is not sufficient evidence. Too speculative, better to get the data that proves overtrawlability. Preferable to look at all and use survey data (not just sidescan) to confirm that it has been buried.</p> <p>Alternative methods to overtrawl (ROV, acoustics) not suitable</p> <p>AWh: These are proxies to overtrawl, why use these when we can use the real thing?</p> <p>RHa & NBr: discussed cable temp monitoring in new tech, (temp relates to burial depth and can be used to monitor burial/exposure).</p> <p>IMc: Ample time and discussion over methods and process are required to undertake trials properly. May be worth comparing results of planned overtrawl surveys with geophysical results to compare/contrast.</p> <p>IMc: Ground truthing can help improve methods. Time required to plan and agree on methods and related issues (insurance etc.) should not be underestimated.</p> <p>PBe STu, Exposed debris is an additional concern that can be addressed with overtrawlability.</p> <p>RHa & STu: Overtrawl surveys must be carried out by a vessel typical of fishing in the area.</p>			



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	<p>BWo: Should insurance companies be included in discussion about this issue could damage potential become an insurance issue?</p> <p>MMo: raises intent of ESCA (European Subsea Cables Assoc) to make it law that you cannot go over their cables, this would be a serious issue for fishing if passed (potential loss of 1600 square miles of fishing ground).</p> <p>MMo: Type of burial is very important, would like to see developers' applications saying burial method will be appropriate to the type of ground.</p> <p>Action - Session on overtrawability proposed for next meeting and to also update on discussions from Moray group meeting.</p>	All	Next meeting	Opened
10	<p>Developer Project Updates</p> <p>BKi: ICOL – Engineering design phase underway, not much will be seen this year maybe some site investigation later in the year.</p> <p>RHa: When will surveys start up again? Concern of overlap with Seagreen?</p> <p>BKi: Likely to be some survey next year with cable installation earliest date being 2024. Keen to engage and start discussions around cable installation.</p> <p>DWa: Berwick bank – Scoping opinion due next week from MS, low level geophysical occurring on site using unmanned vessels very nearshore.</p> <p>CGi: NnG – Recent newsletter released with NnG updates, that can be referred to (included with meeting invite).</p> <p>NBr: Seagreen – Also has content in newsletter, construction onshore progressing manufacturing offshore structures underway, export cable route preconstruction surveys complete wind farm area commencing soon.</p>			



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09	<p>FMMS and FLOWW guidance</p> <p>RMa: FMMS due in next couple of weeks, gap analysis done and will be returned to each stakeholder to show what was taken onboard.</p> <p>FLOWW guidance waiting on feedback to build upon it. Lots of references to FMMS guidance received these are being put into the FLOWW guidance to make sure both match up.</p> <p>Any info for this to be passed on to RMa.</p>			
11	<p>AOB</p> <p>FIRs attendance</p> <p>MMo: provided an overview that FIRS noted not in attendance for certain meetings. Question how are FIRs going to get their info out in this case?</p> <p>Concern is that all FIRs should be attending all relevant meetings.</p> <p>Need a system for appraisal. Developer - FLO – FIR – fishermen coms are important – coms between all in this chain need to be complete, broken chain will impact effectiveness of process.</p> <p>Proposal of 3 monthly approach to meetings revisited.</p> <p>Action – April meeting proposed to follow Moray Firth meeting, doodle poll to be circulated for dates, Seagreen to organise (NBr).</p> <p>Can any clarification on procedures for variations and uplift in capacity etc. be provided, including guidance from MS for dealing with these proposals. e.g., what is going to be allowed by a small consultation and what should have a new application to address major variations being requested.</p> <p>Action – RMa to pull together info for distribution to wider group.</p>	NBr	Before next meeting (April)	Opened



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3	MMo offer of Scottish fishing methods training, workshops delivered before Christmas but offer still open.	All developers	To be determined	Open
4	AWG to pull comments from developers submitted for the mitigation paper together, comments to be submitted by end of month.	AWG	End of March	Open
5	JMo to consider whether Kingfisher Bulletin training to be rolled out to IFG meeting.	JMo	To be determined	Open
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