

**Meeting Minutes/Action**

**Meeting Title: Meeting Minutes – Moray Firth Working Group Discussion 180413**

**Date / Time / Venue: 18/04/2013 3pm Mercure Inverness Hotel, Church Street, Inverness, IV1 1QY**

**Attendees:** Jonathan Wilson (JWil), Marc Browne (MB), Peter Moore (PM), Sarah Pirie (SP), Rebecca Radford (RR), Malcolm Morrison (MM), John Watt (JW), John Hermse (JH), Jay Mackay (JM), John Alexander (JA), Peter Smith (PS), Roger May (RM)

**Minutes taken by:** Jonathan Wilson, March Browne, Peter Moore and Sarah Pirie

**Apologies:** Neil Sutherland, Colin Warwick, John Watt Jn, Gareth Jones

Item	Action	Action on	Close out date
<p><b>Meeting Objectives:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To provide project specific updates;</li> <li>To discuss and set up the fisheries working group;</li> <li>To discuss the MFOWDG Proposal for Fisheries Working Group; and</li> <li>To discuss ongoing consultation with the fishing industry and process going forward.</li> </ul>			
1.0	<b>Introductions</b>		
2.0	<p><b>Overview of MORL and BOWL Baselines and outcomes of ES assessments.</b>            RR provided an overview of baseline information as used in the BOWL &amp; MORL ES Chapters. RR went on to explain the assessment process and the Rochdale Envelope. Describing the criteria used for both MORL and BOWL assessments (see attached presentation).</p> <p>JW commented on the baseline data and the fact that 2009 was a few years ago and asked if it would be possible to get a presentation at the next meeting to provide a more up to date baseline presentation - All agreed.</p> <p>JH commented that scallopers are shifting into the whitefish fishery.</p> <p><b>BOWL Project Update</b>            JWil provided a brief overview of work carried out to date and plans going forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of the offshore application in April 2012;</li> <li>Feedback from the statutory agencies meaning that a Draft addendum was required which was being submitted in May 2013;</li> <li>If geotechnical campaign went ahead in summer 2013, FEED and detailed engineering would continue through 2014 with the aim to start construction in 2016, with anticipated first generation in 2018.</li> </ul> <p>JWil stated that the addendum would incorporate advances in certain assessment methodologies and would also aim to clarify responses to the original ES consultation. In addition, the addendum would include a most likely scenario as requested by MS-LOT and SNH which would provide more context from an engineering perspective. The most likely scenario would be provided for context only and the consent application would still be based on the worst case scenario (Rochdale Envelope) submitted in the Original ES.</p>		

	<p><b>MORL Project Update</b> PM and SP provided an update on the MORL project. The application was submitted to Marine Scotland in August 2012 and is progressing through the determination phase. No addendum has been requested for the MORL ES, so no further information has been submitted and the proposals and assessments remain as they were in the application. <b>Actions:</b>  BMM to provide an up to date 2010/2011 overview of the existing data of the Moray firth (2-3 slides of up to date data).</p>	RR	6 <sup>th</sup> June
3.0	<p><b>Working Group Proposal</b>  RR provided overview of working group document which had been issued earlier for review. RR went through proposed membership of those to be part of the Working Group:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MFOWDG Developers (MORL and BOWL);</li> <li>• Brown and May Marine (BMM);</li> <li>• FIRs;</li> <li>• Scottish Fishermen’s Federation;</li> <li>• Marine Scotland;</li> <li>• Marine Scotland Science;</li> <li>• The Crown Estate;</li> <li>• Representatives of fisheries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Northern static gear;</li> <li>- Fraserburgh static gear;</li> <li>- Buckie static gear;</li> <li>- Scallop fishery;</li> <li>- Nephrops fishery;</li> <li>- Squid fishery.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>All agreed although Roger May needs to confirm who will form part of the Working Group from Marine Scotland (MSLOT).  RR asked if anyone had any comments on the proposal - JH and JWa both stated that they had no issues with the content.</p> <p><b>Action</b> All to review the proposal document and provide feedback/comments to RR. RR to finalise proposal document.</p>	RR	16 <sup>th</sup> May
4.0	<p><b>Terms of Reference (TOR)</b>  RR provided an overview of the Terms of Reference document which had been issued earlier for review. RR went through the document and the basic requirements for future meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quorum (minimum numbers, alternative representation etc.);</li> <li>• Meetings will be two annually;</li> <li>• The duration of the Working Group will be reviewed annually;</li> <li>• Cost to cover working group members (fishermen) and reasonable travelling cost (45p per mile and accommodation where required);</li> <li>• Items to be progressed at each meeting will be discussed at the previous meeting;</li> <li>• Sub-groups can be formed if required;</li> <li>• It is the responsibility of the members of the Working Group to</li> </ul>		

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	<p>distribute the information and activities of the Group those they are representing;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open fisheries stakeholder meetings for all to attend can be held if deemed necessary; and</li> <li>• Meeting notes will be distributed after each meeting with opportunity for comment.</li> </ul> <p>RR asked if the group had any comments on the TOR – no comments were raised</p> <p>RR asked if one final review of the TOR could be undertaken and comments sent back to her by next Thursday (25<sup>th</sup> April).</p> <p>RR raised the issue regarding chairman nominations and went on to say that as things stood the working had manageable numbers and therefore may not require a chair. RR asked the working group if they had any thoughts on nominations for a chair.</p> <p>JH suggested that we keep the status quo and nominate a chair on the day to ensure agenda items are raised and meetings kept on track.</p> <p>All agreed to keep the status quo and allow BMM to keep organising the meetings going forward and to appoint a chair on a rolling basis as meetings arose.</p> <p><b>Action</b> RR to finalise TOR document;</p>	RR	16 <sup>th</sup> May
5.0	<p><b>Items for Progression (next meeting)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RR and MSS to coordinate presentation at next meeting for up to date data 2010/2011 potential 2012 data for fishing activities in the Moray Firth</li> <li>• RR to issue sections of the Fishermen’s Register to working group members to enable update of local fishing boats</li> <li>• Include discussions on employment opportunities and potential gear modifications on the agenda for the next meeting</li> <li>• Include discussions on EMF on the agenda for the next meeting</li> <li>• Potentially bring engineer to next meeting to allow detailed answers and questions. RR to ensure working group members are contacted regarding any specific questions they wish to be answered.</li> </ul>	<p>RR and Gareth Jones (MSS) RR</p> <p>RR</p> <p>RR and Roger May (MS) RR and developers</p>	<p>31<sup>st</sup> May</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>24<sup>th</sup> May</p> <p>17<sup>th</sup> May</p>

Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> June, Inverness (10:30 – 15:00)

Minutes prepared by: Rebecca Radford

**Appended Documents: Presentation slides, Working Group Proposal, Terms of Reference**

**Internal Distribution:** Johnny Wilson, Marc Browne, Sarah Pirie, Peter Moore (EDPR)

**External Distribution:** Malcolm Morrison, John Watt, John Hermse, Jay Mackay, John Alexander, Peter Smith, Roger May, Gareth Jones, Neil Sutherland, John Watt Jnr, Colin Warwick