

ACTIONS FROM WMFAG MEETING HELD ON 7 MARCH

Item 3(a)

Action	SRO
<p>Action 1: Secretariat to amend notes of the previous meeting and change 'Seafish' to Seafish Wales Advisory Committee.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>Status: Action completed</p>	
<p>Action 2: Biodiversity team to provide a summary of porpoise strandings through fishing by-catch in Welsh Waters. Also provide an update on an earlier discussion of survey of UK waters on porpoise abundance.</p>	<p>Richard LJ</p>
<p>Status: Information has been forwarded to all WMFAG members</p>	
<p>Action 3: Barrie John to provide a summary on the outcome of prosecutions taking place on 8 March.</p>	<p>Barrie John</p>
<p>Status: Information has been forwarded to all WMFAG members</p>	
<p>Action 4: Secretariat to provide members with contact details to be used for sightings of dead or injured porpoise.</p>	<p>CC/ Secretariat</p>
<p>Status: Information has been forwarded to all WMFAG members</p>	
<p>Action 5: Leanne Llewellyn to provide members with outline proposals for the Whelk closed season.</p>	<p>LL</p>
<p>Status: LL will provide a verbal update at meeting.</p>	
<p>Action 6: To allay members concerns about the pace of delivery JB to prepare a statement of intent setting out how progress would be achieved on priority work streams at such a challenging time.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>Status: This action will be addressed once we have clarity on the resources available to deliver priority work streams.</p>	
<p>Action 7: Members to let BJ know how many people intend applying for FBDA support, when applications are likely to be received and the potential value of the project.</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p>Status: WFA have fed back some indicative numbers of potential FBDA applications but no other feedback has been received from the group</p>	
<p>Action 8: HW to produce a document outlining what can be applied for under EMFF and the application process.</p>	<p>HW</p>
<p>Status: HW has approached her contact in South West England and is hopeful he will be able to help (by providing a template used in England) but any EMFF-related document produced will need input and sign off from Welsh Government Marine & Fisheries and SMU, so it won't be ready in time for the next WMFAG on 16th May.</p>	
<p>Action 9: BJ offered to attend association meetings or hold surgeries to inform members and discuss individual issues. Members were asked to report back to associations to inform them of this offer and report back to BJ.</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p>Status: This offer has not been taken up by any association</p>	
<p>Action 10: BJ to seek clarification on possible funding available to associations or constituted bodies who may be able to apply for funding for escape hatches.</p>	<p>BJ</p>

<p>Status: Hatches eligible under Measure I.15: Article 38 applicants can be from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Owners of fishing vessels; and • Fishermen who own the gear to be replaced; and • Organisations of fishers (e.g. WFA or WWSFA Ltd., or one of the WFA affiliated fishing associations) [this clause does not exist for Article 32 – H&S equipment] 	
<p>Action 11: Sue Burton to be invited to attend next meeting of WMFAG to present her report findings on escape hatches.</p>	<p>Chair</p>
<p>Status: SB has accepted offer to attend PM session of next meeting.</p>	
<p>Action 12: Members asked to provide evidence of the benefit of using escape panels, a number of reports have previously been written on the use of escape hatches, this information can be presented at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p>Status: Evidence received from 2 Associations.</p>	
<p>Action 13: Members to provide HW with details of marking and promotion initiatives.</p>	<p>Members</p>
<p>Status:</p>	
<p>Action 14: BJ agreed to look into T&S costs for a limited number of non-exhibiting attendees at Seafood Expo.</p>	<p>BJ</p>
<p>Status: This action has been completed. The Seafood Cluster were in a position to offer this support and 1 business took up the offer.</p>	
<p>Action 15: HW to invite Caroline Dawson, Project Manager for EMFF and the Welsh Seafood Cluster at Menter a Busnes, to attend a future WMFAG to discuss a marketing and promotion project for Welsh seafood.</p>	<p>HW</p>
<p>Status: Menter a Busnes are leading on a joint EMFF-funded Welsh Seafood Market Development project with Seafish. The project is just waiting final confirmation of funding from SMU and should be starting next month. I think the May WMFAG meeting is too soon for Caroline to present on the project, so perhaps the July meeting would be more suitable.</p>	
<p>Action 16: ESNR Consultation to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Secretariat</p>
<p>Status: Item has been added to agenda</p>	
<p>Action 17: SE to provide members with a short update on Brexit at next meeting.</p>	<p>SE</p>
<p>Status:</p>	
<p>Action 18: JB to seek clarification on how many 'hits' there are on the M&F webpages.</p>	<p>JB</p>
<p>Status: Information provided at agenda item 10</p>	