



Fisheries Advisory Committee
Thursday 12th December 2024 at 09:00
Fisheries Meeting Room

OPEN MINUTES

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

Present:	The Honourable– Chairperson Teslyn Barkman	TB
	The Honourable John Birmingham - Deputy Chair	JB
	Head of Fisheries Management – Matt Jenkins	MJ
	Mrs Cheryl Roberts	CR
	Mr Drew Irvine	DI
	Mr John Barton	JBa
	Mr Chris Moorey	CP
	Mr Andreas Winter	AW
	Mr Bradley Roberts	BR
	Dr Irina Chemshirova	IC
	Dr Frane Skeljo	FS
	Mr Alex Blake	AB
	Mr James Bates (for Item 8)	JBates
Minute Taker:	Mrs Beverley Glanville	BG

PART I (Open)

		ACTION
1.	Apologies for Absence	
1.1	Director of Natural Resources, Deputy Director, Tom Blake & Alex Reid.	
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 11th June 2024	
3.1	The Minutes were confirmed as a true and accurate record and signed by the Chair	
4	Matters arising from the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2024	
4.1	5.5 JBa said that the Illex Operators Group will be looking at putting Illex into ITQ.	

4.2	5.7 DI asked what the current position on the Scientific Programme is, MJ said that work is ongoing and we are currently are looking at a Management plan that which will sit alongside the science plan. There is no clear timeframe at the moment, but will let everyone know when there is.	MJ
4.3	6.2 TB asked Maritime about an update on their committee plans; CM said this will be going to ExCo this month.	
4.4	Item 10 CR mentioned that Finfish effort for 2025 was frozen at 2024 level and asked when is the review going to be carried out and how will it be carried out. MJ said that he would like to commence talks with industry within the 1 st Quarter of 2025, to allow plenty of time for discussion as to what 2026 might look like.	
4.5	10.7 TB asked if the discussion had taken place, CR confirmed that it had.	
5	Fishery update	
5.1	MJ summarised the circulated update.	
5.2	CR asked if there was a timetable for the admin penalties; MJ said not at yet, due to oil related work taking priority. MJ hope to be able to carry on with discussions next year.	
5.3	JBa asked when the Tautenay report would be shared with IOG, MJ said once it has been reviewed and everyone is content with it, we will distribute more widely.	
6	Maritime report	
6.1	CM read through the report.	
6.2	CM mentioned the critical help that came from Polar Seafish in the Argos Georgia incident, with their English to Spanish translation and interacting between FIMA and the fishing vessel captains. For any future events, they will ensure that facility is embedded in their response team.	
6.3	TB echoed CM comments about the rescue and reactions to the sinking of the Argos Georgia, everyone that took part in the rescue did an incredible job in such a tragic circumstance.	
7	Compliance Update	
7.1	MJ gave a short briefing on the Compliance update.	
8	FIFCA update	
8.1	JBates summarised the update.	
8.2	DI expressed concerns regarding inequality of compensation of industries by FIG.	

8.3	TB gave a short overview to Press and Public about the recent decision on deferment of fees, and explained that deferment in ITQ Access Fee payment would cause a loss in revenue as it affected our funds available for investment. Executive Council, and other Members agreed it would be appropriate to recover this loss to public revenue from companies who wished to take up the 6% or 4% pro-rata deferment option.	
8.4	TB thanked the LPG representatives that came to talk to the MLA's about the sensitive issue, the conversation was very congenial and collaborative. A discussion was then had where TB stated the position of the MLA's, Industry stated their position and concerns. A thorough discussion ensued between these parties.	
8.5	DI raised that there was potential that FIG would lose money in their investment strategy, and so applying a 6% or 4% rate predicts success that cannot be guaranteed. TB responded that the decision by MLA's was based on the advice given by the Financial secretary and fund manager.	
8.6	JB requested industry to submit their concerns in writing.	FIFCA
8.7	MJ mentioned that interaction with industry have been excellent during this time and thanked everyone for that. MJ went on to explain that any fee related items normally are discussed in the closed section of the committee.	
8.8	BR agreed with MJ and said that the coloration between industry and the Fisheries Department has been excellent and has put this already in writing to the director.	
8.9	TB asked CR how Conxemar went; CR replied it was well represented.	
9	Analyses of the 2024 <i>Loligo</i> second season	
9.1	IC, FS, AB presented the presentation on this paper.	
9.2	BR asked if any more CTD work will be carried out to continue the research, MJ said that the Lilibet is currently working on CTD's and will do so until the beginning of the next <i>Loligo</i> season, when the sea state permits.	
11	Date of next meeting 13th March 2025 at 09.00am	
12	Exclusion of the Press and Public <i>Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 4, 9 & 15 of Schedule 3 of the Committees (Public Access) Ordinance 2012, relating to Fishing Licence Fees</i>	
13	Confirmation of the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2024 3.12 removed the Number 9 from the word 'it'.	

14	<p>Matters Arising from the Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th June 2024</p> <p>All action points have been closed. No matters arising.</p>	
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Confirmed this day of 2025

Chairperson

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