



Fisheries Advisory Committee
Thursday 11st June 2024 at 13:00
Fisheries Meeting Room

OPEN MINUTES

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

Present:	The Honourable John Birmingham– Chairperson	JB
	The Honourable Jack Ford- Deputy Chair	JF
	Director of Natural Resources – Dr Andrea Clausen	DNR
	Mrs Cheryl Roberts	CR
	Mr Drew Irvine	DI
	Mr Tom Blake	TB
	Mrs Nomali Port	NP
	Mr Andreas Winter	AW
	Mr James Bates	JBa
Minute Taker:	Mrs Claire Young	CY

PART I (Open)

		ACTION
1.	Apologies for Absence	
1.1	MLA Teslyn Barkman, Alex Reid, Jorge Ramos Castillejos unable to present his paper- AW will present for him.	
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 21st March 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 21st March 2024	
4.1	No Matters arising.	
5	Fishery update	
5.1	DNR summarised the circulated update.	

5.2	DNR noted that the feedback received on the ITQ access fees project paper, including that from FIFCA, has been received and is included in the Executive Council Submission.	
5.3	Draft Illex allocation policy is currently with Senior admin team and on track to go to Executive council on 25 th June 2024, with all feedback included.	
5.4	DNR noted Illex economic analysis is ongoing and remains on track to produce a report by August.	
5.5	DNR stated that industry has been asked to review the existing ITQB ordinance and guidance, in order to provide written feedback to FIFD regarding foreseen issues with applying the current ITQ ordinance to move Illex fishery in to ITQB.	FIFCA
5.6	CR noted the continued delay of progression with admin penalties. DNR stated that resources are a limiting factor and must be allocated to the previously discussed higher priority projects.	
5.7	TB asked when the new Scientific program would be available. DNR noted the program is completed and awaiting DNR review and feedback. The program will then be available for circulation to relevant parties for feedback.	DNR
6	Maritime report	
6.1	NP read through the report.	
6.2	CR and JBa noted a previous request for Industry representation to be included in the Maritime Committee and if a timeframe had been set. NP confirmed that the intention is to include industry but that she was not able at this time to provide a timescale. NP affirmed that when this was available she would feedback.	MARITIME
6.3	JF noted that there is strong support for this committee to be established.	
7	Compliance Update	
7.1	DMR noted that a table setting out all the findings would be produced for the next FAC and if there were further details needed to contact FishOps or Head of Fisheries Management.	FIFD
8	FIFCA update	
8.1	JBa summarised the update noting the purchase of a property at Jubilee Villas which will be redeveloped to establish a FIFCA Head Quarters.	
8.2	JBa noted an interesting communication with Chris Dent regarding future free trading arrangements within UK and Asian markets.	
8.3	JBa noted that the recent changes to the FIFCA board has been circulated.	

9	February bottom trawl survey biomasses of fishery species in Falkland Islands waters, 2010–2024	
9.1	AW presented the presentation on this paper in lieu of JRC	
9.2	TB noted that the 95% Confidence Interval for 2024 is significantly greater, AW explained one potential cause but will gain feedback from JRC more specifically about this instance and feedback to TB.	AW
9.3	JBa noted an enquiry received by FIFCA requesting a timescale for Southern blue whiting to be a commercial option.	
9.4	AW asked James Wallace if a survey would be planned this year? Mr Wallace noted this was not yet known.	
9.5	DNR confirmed that until there is robust survey data, no change would be made to the TAC and the current status would make it unappealing for vessels to travel the distance for a small TAC.	
10	Finfish Licencing advice 2025	
10.1	AW read through the presentation.	
10.2	TB asked for clarification on several parts of the paper and formulae used including why Illex was now included in G licence, where previously it was not.	
10.3	AW explained that this is to prevent an anomaly in which G licence TAC is growing without the corresponding growth in Illex stock. This is occurring due to the small percentage of target stock caught due to bycatch.	
10.4	TB- asked how many years of surveys are required to enable estimates. AW noted 5 data points would be possible and after this July survey there may be a comprehensive report produced, noting that the stock assessments has been produced after the July survey and are in the survey reports.	
10.5	AW highlighted the options proposed for further discussion, noting the potentially contradictory effect on A licence.	
10.6	DNR noted that one option is to continue with the same system for another year and re-evaluate with the extra data.	
10.7	DMR offered further opportunity to discuss this further on a specific meeting for Fin Fish industry FIFCA noted that a further discussion specific with Fin Fish representatives would be beneficial to discuss issues further.	FIFD/ FIFCA
11	Date of next meeting 12th September 2024 at 09.00am	
12	Exclusion of the Press and Public <i>Not for publication by virtue of paragraph 4 & 9 of Schedule 3 of the</i>	

