

### **Steering Group Meeting No 15**

Venue: Defra, Ergon House Room LG01  
Date: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011  
Start: 12:00

#### **Present:**

Philip Stamp (Defra) – Chair (PS)	Kevin Kennington (Isle of Man) (KeK)
Clare Adams (Cefas) – minute taker (CA)	Jon Lartice (Defra) (JL)
Simon Baldwin (WAG) (SB)	Kate Lonsdale (UKCIP) (KL)
John Baxter (SNH) (JB)	Jackie Maud (Environment Agency) (JM)
Paul Buckley (Cefas) (PB)	Nafees Meah (DECC) (NM)
Martyn Cox (Scottish Government) (MC)	Greg Morel (States of Jersey) (GM)
Rory Crawford (RSPB) (RC)	Glenn Nolan (Marine Institute, ROI) (GN)
Rob Enever (Natural England) (RE)	Andy Read (Isle of Man) (AR)
Matt Frost (MBA) (MF)	Kristian Teleki (Seaweb) (KT)
Dickon Howell (MMO) (DH)	Jon Tinker (Met Office) (JT)
Katherine Kennedy (Cefas) (KK)	Craig Wallace (NERC) (CW)

#### **Apologies:**

Mike Cowling (Crown Estate)	Adam Mellor (AFBINI)
Gareth Cunningham (CCW)	Colin Moffat (Marine Scotland)
Sandy Downie (SEPA)	Colin Taylor (EDF)
Jane Edquist (Defra)	Stephen Roast (EDF)
Martin Edwards (SAHFOS)	Karen Webb (JNCC)
Dan Laffoley (Natural England) (DL)	

### **Action Points from the last meeting**

Scotlink and the Wildlife and Countryside Link have been contact regarding joining the SG but do not have the time available. The SG were also interested in getting more industry participation; accordingly, a paper and short questionnaire was circulated to the MILG and responses are being collated.

The UEA have been contacted to provide external evaluation of MCCIP. In the meantime, MCCIP are creating a document summarising MCCIP's "Achievements so far".

A slide pack has been compiled for the front page of the MCCIP website. With regard to the website moving to ".GOV", there is no opt out available. SG members were asked to speak to their organisations to see if they are able to host the website as MCCIP is not a government-only body so should sit with a neutral domain.

### **Steering Group membership**

There are 28 MCCIP Partner Organisations. The make up of the SG was discussed and issues raised to include: If it is the individual who joins or the organisation? What happens when peoples' job roles change? Which other groups do the current members represent? Would focussed Working Groups

provide better outputs? It was also voiced that there is a lack of industrial representation but when approached there was no take-up.

### **Funding**

Up to the end of this financial year the total spend for the first 6 years is £560K against an income of £660K. Due to the implementation of Whole Government Accounting, money from UK government organisations will no longer be able to be transferred across financial years. Of the current £100K surplus, £50K is from non-UK government sources and can be transferred into 2011/12; Cefas Management has agreed, as a one-off, to account for the remaining money through a £50K overspend in 2011/12. In the future funding from UK-government sources must be spent in-year. Overall, finances are sound for the next two years.

### **Special Topic**

The Special Topic Report Card is on the impacts of climate on “Fish, fisheries and aquaculture”. The lead authors have been briefed on the requirements and process and progress is currently on track. Backing papers will be put through an open access journal peer review process which may impact on the proposed key dates and launch date.

The lead authors are Mike Heath (Fish); William Cheung (Fisheries) & Swansea Group (Aquaculture). Lead authors can be contacted with suggestions for contributors.

The Special Topic Report Card will be sent to the Steering Group at various stages in its production. Linkages and connections to previous ARC will be made where possible.

Planning for the launch and the communication strategy is very important for this report card and will be discussed at next SG.

### **Climate smart working next steps**

The proposed workplan for the next 12 months leading to publication of the first sector report in Early 2012 was outlined. The CSW Working Group has already undertaken a mapping exercise looking at the importance / influence for the success of CSW of stakeholder groups and feedback from the Steering Group was provided.

The CSW Working Group proposed that the focus should be on a specific sector, rather than an overarching report, with reports on the other sectors to follow. Aquaculture and/or small ports / marinas were identified as the first sectors to be looked at.

There was some discussion around whether aquaculture should be used as it is also one of the topics of the ARC Special Report. This could lead to overload on the sector, however CSW would be engaging with industry whereas the ARC SR would be engaging with the academic side. It was also thought that using aquaculture for both reports would be a positive, showing a joined up approach.

The Shellfish Association of Great Britain are holding their annual conference on 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> May in London which would be a good opportunity to start engaging with stakeholders.

It was suggested that the CSW report could look at a small region and the impacts across the sectors, e.g. Isle of Man. This would be beneficial to that region and show the links between sectors although it would take a long time to cover the UK looking in depth at small regions and would be harder for the sectors to see the variability across the UK.

Adaptation in relation to planning (MPAs etc) should be included.

There is currently no chair of the Working Group.

### **Evaluation framework**

A discussion was held on the role of the Independent evaluator and who this might be. Initial contact with universities (to see if this could be a project for a PhD student) has not been encouraging. A ToR / job description will be written for an independent evaluator and circulated to SG to help with suggestions for candidates.

### **AOB**

#### ARC Communication activities:

[Scotland's Marine Atlas](#) has recently been published and this section on Climate Change was gleaned from ARC. Hard copies are available. The [First Progress Report on Climate Change Adaptation in Scotland](#) was published last week and the action to contribute to MCCIP was carried forward to the Sector action plan.

#### Forthcoming Opportunities for ARC distribution:

Shellfish Association of Great Britain annual conference – 17<sup>th</sup> / 18<sup>th</sup> May 2011

Plymouth event – 13<sup>th</sup> / 14<sup>th</sup> Sept 2011

SAHFOS symposium on Plankton Biodiversity & Global Change is taking place in Plymouth – 22<sup>nd</sup> / 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept 2011

World Summit on Biodiversity in Aberdeen in Sept 2011

World Fisheries Congress in Edinburgh 2012

#### Knowledge Gaps Paper

The paper should be completed by September 2011. MSCC are interested in receiving a copy.

#### Next meeting

Agenda item: Paper on operational organisation of MCCIP.

Meeting closed: 16:00