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Subject: FW: Investment of additional monies pledged by Michael Gove

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[redacted] – to note approvals for wild fisheries proposals. I assume [redacted] will pick up on both of them and take them forward but grateful if you could just confirm that with him.

Many thanks.

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Subject: Investment of additional monies pledged by Michael Gove

Dear colleagues

SLT discussed investment of the additional monies committed by Mr Gove last December for fisheries and marine purposes, of which we have £3m available to commit and spend before next March. SLT agreed this was a very welcome tranche of additional investment which should yield significant benefits.

I now attach the paper which Mark kindly furnished listing the various proposals put forward by divisions. I have annotated in red tracking the outcome of SLT's consideration of these bids. There are 3 categories:

- proposals which have been approved (and at what amounts);

- proposals which have been approved subject to confirmation of eligibility (which is unclear for a number of the bids);
- proposals which have been declined.

[redacted - 7 paragraphs – out of scope]

Many thanks to all for your help through this process.

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Proposal	Cost		Comments
<p>KEY- Green FBER compliant, Amber unclear, Red not</p> <p>Large-scale salmon smolt tracking A large-scale salmon smolt tracking project in support of aquaculture planning. The project would be run through Fisheries Management Scotland. It would involve the Atlantic Salmon Trust moving their acoustic buoys to the west coast between mainland and Hebrides together with other strategic area</p> <p>SLT conclusion: Agreed to fund to £750k but need to double-check with FFL that it can be delivered in required timescale and that 'own staff costs' can be included.</p>	<p>Costs probably in the £0.5-1.0M region this FY (to include administrative and finance resources in the 3rd sector</p>	<p>MSS Bid (highest priority for science)</p>	<p>All the elements seem to be in place including external body to bid in. Costs are expensive and do we have a plan B if the project runs into 20/21 and funds aren't available? Would need to clarify that the particular article in FBER allowed "own staff costs" to be included</p>
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From: [redacted]@gov.scot
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Subject: RE: Salmon tracking

Hi Mark, Alan,
We will have a look at those points. [redacted] and I are working on clarifying funding issues and necessary processes. It is great to read that the project is feasible from your perspective.
Coincidentally, last week [redacted] has some information on smaller tags at 69kHz, which opens up exciting options for extending the length range of taggable smolts- just what we need.
Best
[redacted]

From: Mark Bilsby <mark@atlanticsalmontrust.org>
Sent: 01 September 2019 17:58
To: alan@fms.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot; [redacted]@gov.scot >; [redacted]@gov.scot
Subject: RE: Salmon tracking

Evening All,

Alan and I had a useful meeting on Friday to start the planning and associated budgeting process. We highlighted three areas where some information from yourselves would really help us in terms of refining infrastructure and associated costs. They are:

1. Arrays – we have tentatively highlighted two arrays (1) Stornoway (easternmost coast of the Point peninsular to the mainland and (2) Skye (north-western tip of Loch Snizort) to North Uist. Are these correct or would you suggest any alternative route(s)? We thought that it would be useful to scope two and we can then review in light of costs and equipment availability. We will also fill in gaps so that the arrays encompass routes that fish could take eg Sound of Harris and Skye to mainland.
2. For each of the agreed array routes would you be able to calculate the overall distance and the total linear distances of water greater than 50 m deep and less than 50 m deep. This impacts on the receiver type and cost (less than 50 m water depth is good!). The cut-off is normally 60 m but due to the exposed nature of the seas in the Minch I have reduced this by 10m.
3. Are you able to provide a “heat” map for the main potential fisheries that could threaten the gear – nephrops, scallop and squid around the proposed array routes – a radius of 30 km either side of the proposed routes should suffice unless there is a major problem. This is data held by Marine Scotland and was incredibly helpful in establishing a practical route in the Moray Firth. I’ve included an early draft of one from there to illustrate how they changed the design by showing the unfeasibility of a proposed array route.

If you need any further information or clarification the please let me know. I am travelling over the next couple of days but should be available on my mobile – [redacted].

Lastly, and to provide encouragement, it does look feasible in terms of ballpark cost and timetable!

All the best and many thanks for all your support.

Mark

From: [redacted]@gov.scot
Sent: 30 August 2019 08:44
To: alan@fms.scot; Mark Bilsby <mark@atlanticsalmontrust.org>
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Subject: Salmon tracking

Morning Alan and Mark,

Sorry, but a slight caution on funding has come to light. Although our project has been given the green light at policy level, it seems that some work remains to verify exactly what is permissible under the scheme. I don't have detailed information yet, but hoping that [redacted] can explore further today with Edinburgh finance colleagues. For now, we should continue scoping costings, timelines and delivery options and at this end we will figure out options and limitations for contracting. We will plan to align [redacted]'s group to provide flexibility and expand options.

Nevertheless, great to be moving forward with another hurdle overcome!

Best
[redacted]

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Subject: RE: Cabinet Secretary meeting with The Atlantic Salmon Trust.

Hi [redacted],
I think the best person to help you with this briefing would be [redacted]. He was involved in discussions with the AST over the Missing Salmon Project and has met them in the last few weeks. He's out of the office this week but is picking up e-mails.
If there's anything specific you need I may be able to help but [redacted] would be the best person to speak to regarding where the AST may be coming from at the moment.
Best wishes,
[redacted]

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Subject: Cabinet Secretary meeting with The Atlantic Salmon Trust.

All,

Apologies if this does not fall within your remit.

The Cabinet Secretary is meeting Mark Bilsby, [redacted] and [redacted] from the Atlantic Salmon Trust on 17 September. I am pulling together the briefing for the meeting and was wondering if you would be able to provide some content.

We as yet don't know what they want to talk about, it is allegedly to explain what they are doing to protect salmon. Before [redacted] left he mentioned that they are involved in the missing salmon project and that MSS were not convinced of the merits of the programme (can you provide some context) I would also assume they will be looking for money.

Happy to discuss.

Regards

[redacted]

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Subject: Marine Funding

Cabinet Secretary

Purpose

1. To seek approval for use of the additional funding provided to the Scottish Government in the announcement by Michael Gove last December.

Background

2 Michael Gove announced in December 2018 that an additional £37.2m was being made available in the UK to fund a range of activity in the marine sector, in line with eligible activity under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF). Scotland's share of this, based on our EMFF allocation is £16.3m. [redacted – out of scope]

3. [redacted – out of scope]

4. [redacted – out of scope]. The identified projects, set out in the attached word document, would deliver £3m additional support in this financial year, the maximum possible we consider that we can successfully manage within the conditions placed on the funding by HMT. The list includes [redacted-out of scope], work on large-scale salmon smolt tracking in support of aquaculture planning, [redacted – out of scope].

5. [redacted – out of scope]

[redacted]

5. [redacted – out of scope]

[redacted]

6. That you approve the approach outlined above in respect of this additional funding for the 19/20 FY to allow full blow application to be developed and submitted.

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Proposals for 19/20 Addition Marine Funding

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Subject: Draft Budget

Dear [redacted],

We have been working on a draft budget for the proposed tracking project and I have attached a spreadsheet detailing where we are up to. It will be subject to change once we get the receiver numbers from David, as I have just put in approximate figures. As such it is as much to show our thinking and the process on how the project has been costed.

Whilst the overall figure is higher than expected we are anticipating that we will receive approximately £300,000 from the aquaculture industry towards the project on an annual basis. We are also looking at additional funding routes.

It would be useful to have a discussion with you prior to the end of the week to determine which elements are included in phase 1 and which will be subject to a separate application in year 2.

I look forward to hearing from you and please call my mobile – [redacted] when you are able to discuss this.

Many thanks

Mark



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Draft Working Budget
 October 3 2019

Budget Heading	Total		Pre March 2020 Spend	Post March 2020 Spend
Receivers & Moorings	357,700		357,700	0
Tags 800 at £200		160,000	160,000	0
Boat Deployment		30,000	30,000	0
Provision of Traps		90,000	90,000	0
Staffing	114,342		38,030	76,312
Travel & Subsistence		30,120	7,950	22,170
Trapping Costs		184,800	0	184,800
Tagging Costs		11,000	0	11,000
Recovery of Receivers		150,000	0	150,000
Dissemination		34,010	0	34,010
Overhead		81,338	47,858	33,480
Total		1,243,310	731,538	511,772

VR2W-TX - NO VAT (shallow)	£1,180	Number in Skye to Uist	30	Distance	47 km	Second	
TX-Mooring Rope, Float,		Number in inter Hebrides				array	8 km
Weight	£45	arrays	40	Distance	28 km		
Total	£1,225	Additional Allocation	30				
VR2W-AR NO VAT (deep)	£2,589	Number in Skye to Uist	50				
Release can	£846	Number in inter Hebrides					
Mooring + Weight	£100	arrays	0				
Total	£3,535	Additional Allocation	10				
		Total TX & Ancillaries	122500				
		Total AR & Ancillaries	212100				
		Total Receiver	334600				

Staff	Period of Employment on Project	Employment Equivalence		Employment Cost at cost	Project Cost
Tracking Co-ordinator	1		0.5	52,200	26100
Post- Doc	1		1	49,962	49962
Technicians X3	0.5		1.5	25,520	38280
Total Staffing Cost					114342

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Travel & Subsistence

	Unit Rate	Number	Cost
Deployment			
Mooring & Receiver	1000	3	3000
Mileage	0.45	3000	1350
Ferry	180	2	360
Tagging & Trapping Phase			
Accommodation	120	90	10800
Subsistence	40	90	3600
Mileage	0.45	6000	2700
Ferry	180	2	360
Recovery			
Mooring & Receiver	1000	3	3000
Mileage	0.45	3000	1350
Ferry	180	2	360
Liaison			
Accommodation	120	18	2160
Subsistence	40	18	720
Ferry	180	2	360
Total			30120

Dissemination

	Unit Price	Days	Total
Photographer	350	27	9450
T&S	120	27	3240
Filming	500	6	3000
T&S	120	6	720
Editing	350	6	2100
Workshops	500	3	1500
Conference	7000	1	7000
Report	7000	1	7000
Total			34010

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Subject: FW: Gove Projects

Hi [redacted],

Apologies if [redacted] has already caught you about this, I am not in Pitlochry today.

Can you advise on the completion of Gove application for the west coast smolt tracking project (required by 9th Oct)?

Many thanks,
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Subject: Gove Projects

All,

Reminder regarding the completion of the Gove applications, firm confirmation of delivery required by 9th of October. To date I have received one completed application for the [redacted – out of scope] project. Apologies if you have already submitted your applications directly to [redacted].

Regards,

Pete

Project	Marine Scotland Contact
Large-scale salmon smolt tracking	[redacted], [redacted]
[redacted – out of scope]	[redacted – out of scope]
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Subject: RE: Marine Funding

Hello All,

Here's the link to the online application system –
<https://mffs.marinemangement.org.uk>

The SME's will have to register first, then they'll be able to create applications. It's a copy of the EMFF system so most will be familiar with it & the EMFF user guidance on our page still applies - <https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/marine/grants-subsidies/EMFFsystemuserguide>

As we are pushed for time on these would it be possible for applications to be captured online in the next 2 weeks?

Even if that timescale is too short, I need firm confirmation by the 9th Oct projects are deliverable by the end of the financial year.

The link will be on our webpage soon but meantime you can forward the link above for applicants to use.

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