

**E-mail correspondence between Atlantic Salmon Trust and Marine Scotland**

From: Sarah Bayley Slater [REDACTED]@atlanticsalmontrust.org]  
Sent: 12 March 2018 10:13  
To: Mitchell A (Alastair)  
Subject: 'New Funds to Tackle Slump in Wild Salmon'

Dear Alastair,

I hope you are well and have had a nice weekend.

I saw the attached article in the Telegraph on Saturday. Would you be able to give me more information about the funding announced by Rosanna Cunningham. How will it be distributed?

It mentions that the purpose will be for research and fisheries management to safe guard stocks. Would it be possible for the AST to make an application for some funding to go towards its salmon tracking project?

We are planning a 1.2m tracking project involving a number of important salmon rivers that flow into the Moray Firth such as the Deveron, Spey, Ness, Beaully, Conon and Oykel in 2019. The first steering group meeting will take place on the 26th March. The project will track salmon through the rivers to the outer Moray Firth.

We will be launching a high profile fundraising campaign at the end of March. It will be good opportunity to show partnership working and would be helpful to the project if we were able to apply for some government funding.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,  
Sarah

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From: [REDACTED]@gov.scot [mailto:[REDACTED]@gov.scot]  
Sent: 12 March 2018 10:44  
To: Sarah Bayley Slater [REDACTED]@atlanticsalmontrust.org>  
Cc: [REDACTED]  
Subject: RE: 'New Funds to Tackle Slump in Wild Salmon'

Sarah – hi. Probably best to have first have a chat through with Simon Dryden here (copied).

Hope all is well, Alastair

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From: Sarah Bayley Slater [mailto:[REDACTED]@atlanticsalmontrust.org]  
Sent: 12 March 2018 10:47  
To: Mitchell A (Alastair)  
Cc: Dryden S (Simon)  
Subject: RE: 'New Funds to Tackle Slump in Wild Salmon'

Thank you Alastair. Will do.

Simon what would be the best number to contact you on?

Best wishes  
Sarah

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Hi Sarah,

My contact details are below and very happy to chat further. I just tried your office number but missed you.

We have a bidding process in place for the £200k Wild Fisheries Governance Fund, but are not running a similar process for access to the remaining circa £500k.

I have a meeting later this week to try to finalise the allocation of it against an internally derived list of research and activities which already exceed the budget! So I'm afraid the current position is that we are very unlikely to have any funds available to support the AST salmon tracking project.

However, we will certainly keep your project in mind. Had AST been in a position to deliver the project this summer, for example, I know we were considering if and how many of our circa 670 unused acoustic tags (purchased for last season's Armadale tagging project) could have been utilised. You may be aware that we have subsequently agreed to give 100 of them to this season's Loch Laxford sea trout tagging project, which AST are involved in, provided it is able to go ahead (necessary licensing and mooring approvals are received in time). I hope and expect that, if it can go ahead, we will also utilise some of the £500k funding to pay for the associated sweep netting by the West Sutherland Fisheries Trust.

Kind rgds,  
Simon.

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From: Sarah Bayley Slater  
Sent: Thursday, 15 March 2018 14:46  
To: Dryden S (Simon)  
Subject: AST

Dear Simon,

Thank you for your time on the phone this week. It was good to speak to you.

I mentioned the Steering Group meeting for the Moray Firth Project that is scheduled for 10.30am on 26th March and asked whether you would be interested in attending. You sounded relatively keen!?

Alan Wells is also on that Steering Group. He is also involved with the NASCO NGOs group who's meeting is scheduled for the afternoon at 2.30pm. Unfortunately there is no way of getting back from Inverness to Edinburgh in that amount of time so I will go to Inverness and miss the NGO meeting, but Alan was going to see about VC'ing into the meeting which would mean he could stay in Edinburgh and make both the steering group and NGO meetings.

Would you like to VC into the steering group meeting as well? With Alan? If there was a VC available at VQ it might be convenient for you ?

Best wishes  
Sarah

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Hi Sarah,

VC would be perfect. I'll liaise with Alan so that we can hopefully be in the same place.

Best wishes,  
Simon

(Marine Scotland)

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Dear All,

We have had to push the meeting back slightly due to room availability. Coffee will be available from 10:30 in the Board Room at UHI Inverness, ask for myself or Sarah at reception and you will be directed appropriately. We will aim to start at 11am, however if we can get going earlier then we shall.

Attached is an agenda,

Please contact me if you have any points which do not appear on the agenda or do not appear to be up for discussion and you feel may need addressed. These can be added as required.

The overall objective is to give an update on the planning of the project and begin discussions on a number of aspects which will facilitate the success of the project and its outcomes. We hope there will be a number of constructive discussions around the agenda items listed.

I very much look forward to seeing you on Monday 26th at 10:30am in the Board Room at UHI Inverness

Kind Regards

Matt

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Moray Firth Tracking Project - Steering Committee Meeting  
Inverness College UHI, 1 Inverness Campus, Inverness, IV2 5NA

**26th March 10:30am**

## **Agenda**

1. Introduction and Welcome **SBS**
2. Overview and vision of the Steering Committee **CEA**
3. Overview of the project **MN**
4. Project Timing – Gantt Chart **MN**
5. Project partners/ Collaborations **SBS/MN**
6. Project Funding **SBS**
  - a. Where do we stand
  - b. What are our goals
  - c. Fund raising campaign
  - d. Project Launch
- Main Discussion topics:*
7. Project Strategy
  - a. Aims and outcomes
  - b. Study Rivers to include/or not
  - c. Receiver Locations – Gates vs Random placement
  - d. Trap and Transport of smolts
8. Tagging of sea trout
9. Particle tracking and Environmental Monitoring
10. Next Steps
11. Date of next meeting
12. AOCB

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On 26 Mar 2018, at 12:37, [REDACTED]@gov.scot wrote:

Matt

Can you please send me a GIS version of the array maps and I can explore VMS data etc for the relevant areas?

Can use a map, but GIS file would be better.

Ian

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From: Matt Newton [REDACTED] atlanticsalmontrust.org]  
Sent: 28 March 2018 08:46  
To: Davies I (Ian) (MARLAB)  
Subject: Re: Arrays

Hi Ian,

Attached is a shape file (and the associated files) for the receivers.

Thank you for attending the meeting, I think we gathered some very useful information from it and will distill it all out in the next couple of weeks.

Regards

Matt

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From: Davies I (Ian) (MARLAB)  
Sent: 28 March 2018 09:01  
To: Watret R (Robert) (MARLAB)  
Subject: FW: Arrays

Rob

Can you please find vms data for the areas covered by these arrays and send the files to Matt newton?

Ian

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On 29 Mar 2018, at 20:49, [REDACTED]@gov.scot wrote:

Hi Matt,

I send you a handful of maps so you can get an idea of the fishing that is likely to impact on your array.

Scallop, Squid, Demersal mobile, Nephrops fishing intensity all come from VMS data points that have been represented using Kernel density.

Fishing value amalgamated shows the relative value of the fishing in that area for all fisheries (Fishing value amalgamated all Scotland gives context of what the rest of Scotland looks like so you can get a sense of scale of the monetary value in MF).

I've also included an AIS map with only the fishing vessels selected for 7 months (Apr-Nov) of 2016. It is mostly useful as a footprint impression because 1) many of those vessels are just transiting 2) there is no density analysis on it.

All the best for the array.

RW

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