

FERGUS EWING – AILG – 10TH MEETING – THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2019: MACDONALD HOLYROOD HOTEL, 81 HOLYROOD ROAD, EH88AU

<i>Date and Time of Engagement</i>	Thursday 19th September 2019 08:45 – 11:00 (to note slightly earlier start time)
<i>Where</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macdonald Holyrood Hotel, 81 Holyrood Road, Edinburgh, EH88AU
<i>Why</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • [Redacted] • 10th Meeting of the AILG.
<i>Official Support Required</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graham Black, Director, Marine Scotland: mobile: [Redacted] • Mike Palmer, Deputy Director, Marine Scotland: mobile: [Redacted] • [Redacted] Marine Scotland: [Redacted]
<i>Media Handling</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comms to Advise
<i>Dress code</i>	Business attire
<i>Briefing contents</i>	Annex A – Attendees. Annex B – Agenda Annex C - Minutes & Actions - previous meeting (6 June) [Redacted]

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Agenda

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Annex B

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(Quick Win 4 – Integrate wellboat marine licence into the CAR)

- Officials are continuing to make arrangements for a statutory instrument, including considering how best to manage any transitional arrangements, with plans to lay in the Scottish Parliament later this year, with the potential for an Order to come into force early next year, subject to Parliamentary scrutiny.

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Annex D

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Spatial Planning/Fit for Purpose Regulation

Lines to take

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- In addition, wellboat licensing will be transferred from Marine Scotland to SEPA's Controlled Activities Regulations (CAR) regime (delayed by Brexit legislation but intention to lay the SI in November for commencement the following January.)
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29 January 2019

The Scottish Government response to the Rural Economy and Connectivity (REC) report on 'Salmon Farming in Scotland'.

In advance of the planned Parliamentary debate next week, Ms Cunningham and I are pleased to be able to provide you with the Scottish Government's response to the Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee (REC) report on 'Salmon Farming in Scotland'.

As you would anticipate the response is lengthy, in kind looking to respond to the many recommendations within the original report, and adding further context where appropriate. I would be happy to meet and discuss the response in more detail if that would be helpful.

I sense much commonality around the challenges facing the sector and our collective resolve to make tangible early progress. I look forward to expanding on these points next week.

I am copying this letter and attachment to the Convener of the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform Committee.

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Scottish Ministers will now propose secondary legislation to transfer responsibility for controlling discharges of medicines from well boats from Marine Scotland to SEPA. This will make SEPA the regulator of discharges of all wastes and medicines from marine cage fish farms; and enable a consistent and more integrated approach to controlling such discharges.

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SEPA is currently responsible for protecting the marine environment from any discharge of organic matter or other chemicals from marine cage fish farms. Scottish Ministers have agreed to transfer responsibility for protecting the environment from

discharges from well boats from Marine Scotland to SEPA. This will result in SEPA being the environmental regulator for all discharges into the marine environment associated with marine cage fish farming. SEPA is already the regulator of all discharges into inland waters from hatcheries and freshwater pens.

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Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy
Cabinet Secretary for the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform

January 2019

19 December 2018 (Meeting held by phone)

Attendees:

[Redacted] Chair, SEPA
[Redacted] Scottish Sea Farms/ Fish Vet Society
[Redacted] Scottish Environment LINK
[Redacted] Cooke Aquaculture
[Redacted] Scottish Salmon Company
[Redacted] Marine Harvest
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Apologies:

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<https://www2.gov.scot/Topics/marine/Fish-Shellfish/Strategic-Framework/Subgroup3>

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From: [Redacted]
Sent: 26 February 2019 08:19
To: [Redacted]
Subject: medicines and licencing subgroup - postponing meeting/ update from Chair
Attachments: December 2018 - draft medicines and licencing note.docx

Importance: High

Dear All,

Apologies for any inconvenience, but please note that tomorrow's phonecall is postponed - in the meantime please see an update from the Chair below.

I have also attached a copy of the last meeting's note. Grateful if you can advise of any comments by next Friday, once I have received your comments I will upload to the Group's webpage (link is in the attached note). At present, as it is a draft grateful if you do not circulate any further, thank you.

Kind regards,

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Update from the Chair:

Dear All,

You will recall at our telephone discussion in December that we identified our priorities, from the objectives within the Medicines and Licencing Group workstream of the Farmed Fish Health Framework. Which were:

- Revisit the conclusions of the Wellboat Working Group and progress to date
- [Redacted]

Following the meeting we have considered the work already being undertaken in these areas, which included:

- work Marine Scotland is undertaking to progress the transition of wellboat licencing into CAR.
- work related to the development of the SEPA Finfish Aquaculture Sector Plan.

As these areas are both regulatory in nature, they will be progressed by Government officials in consultation with stakeholders. Therefore I have concluded that going forward I would look to update the Group by regular e-mail as these pieces of work develop, calling formal meetings as appropriate and at key milestone points.

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If you have any queries please let myself/ [Redacted] know.[Redacted]