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Subject: 2021 exchange proposals - Rd 1 - Scottish groups

Please see attached our 6 proposals, for collation with others', before recirculating the full list of all UK proposals.

Happy for you to share this document wider but **internally only**.

Apologies for my delay, one of these has changed three times (!!) since last night, so thought it best to try and ensure if got included.

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2) Table shows UK perspective as drafted by the UK sectoral group. Orange row highlighted is Scotland officials statement of clarification.

Transfer Number	Stock code	Outward from UK	Inward to UK	PO	EU State	Information redacted	Other UK organisations involved	Justification for the exchange
1	NEP/2AC4-C - Nephrops (North Sea)	240		Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
1	PLE/2A3AX4 - Plaice (North Sea)	100		Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
1	WHG/2AC4 - Whiting (North Sea)		4	Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
1	COD/2A3AX4 - Cod (North Sea)		41	Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
2	MAC/2CX14 - Mackerel (Western)	30		Aberdeen	France		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
2	JAX/4BC7D - Horse Mackerel (Southern North Sea)	65		Aberdeen	France		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
2	SRX/2AC4-C - Skates and Rays (North Sea)	5		Aberdeen	France		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
2	WHG/2AC4 - Whiting (North Sea)		75	Aberdeen	France		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
3	HER/4AB - Herring (North Sea)		460.7	Lunar	Denmark		n/a	Typical pre-Brexit exchange
3	HER/1/2 - Herring (ASH)	638.9		Lunar	Denmark		n/a	Typical pre-Brexit exchange
4	WHG/2AC4 - Whiting (North Sea)		7	Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
4	COD/2A3AX4 - Cod (North Sea)		5.5	Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
4	PLE/2A3AX4 - Plaice (North Sea)	25		Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
4	L/W/2AC4-C - Lemon Sole and Witch (North Sea)	20		Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
4	PRA/2AC4-C - Northern Prawn (North Sea)	9		Aberdeen	Netherlands		n/a	To alleviate Chokes for Cod and Whiting
5	ARU/567 - Greater Silver Smelt (Western)	200		SFO	Germany		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
5	SPR/2AC4-C - Sprat (North Sea)	450		SFO	Germany		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
5	WHG/7X7A-C - Whiting (Celtic Sea)	3		SFO	Germany		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
5	PLE/7DE - Plaice (English Channel)	2		SFO	Germany		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
5	SRX/67AKD - Skates and Rays (Western)	1		SFO	Germany		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
5	SRX/07D - Skates and Rays (Eastern Channel)	1		SFO	Germany		n/a	NB - SFO wants to trade 1 tonne of *07D not the 'proper' 07D stock
5	POK/56-14 - Saithe (West of Scotland)		240	SFO	Germany		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
5	COD/2A3AX4 - Cod (North Sea)		3	SFO	Germany		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	SOL/07A - Sole (Irish Sea)	1		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	SOL/07E - Sole (Western Channel)	0.9		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	WHG/07A - Whiting (Irish Sea)	1		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	WHG/7X7A-C - Whiting (Celtic Sea)	10		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	COD/07A - Cod (Irish Sea)	2		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	COD/07D - Cod (Eastern Channel)	1		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	LEZ/07 - Megrim (7)	20		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	SRX/67AKD - Skates and Rays (Western)	30		SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	WHG/2AC4 - Whiting (North Sea)		100	SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity
6	ANF/56-14 - Anglerfish (West of Scotland)		25	SFO	Belgium		n/a	Alleviate choke risks & increase opportunity

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Any additional thoughts from yourself? We need to reply to Defra before 1200 today. [information redacted] and I are content with the suggested changes which we have mooted. Not received anything yet about the proposed FA meeting tomorrow to discuss the internal review mechanism.

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2. That this group would meet again, probably **before the end of the week**, to discuss the internal UK 'review' policy for approving all exchange proposals. It is clear that this would be a joint-FA group, that exchanges would be dealt with collectively to ensure parity of process, and that a number of criteria would need to be considered before okaying any exchange. This latter point includes such things like: quota availability, choke species, 'red listed' stocks, valuation of exchange (fair balance).

This is the area where we need to ensure that many of our points, and those raised by our sector, are bludgeoned into Defra to ensure that outgoing quota is not undervalued.

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Subject: potential trigger points for preventing an IQS

Dear all,

As discussed today

Here are a list of suggested trigger points to consider preventing a stock being traded out of the UK:

1. If we have less quota available in the UK this year compared to the quantity landed either last year or as an average of 2018-2020.
2. If UK uptake is >80%
3. Stocks identified as choke (e.g. Celtic sea cod);
4. Stocks overfished at UK level in 2020? (e.g. Western Mackerel although this stock is borrowable)
5. Stocks UK has less quota than we landed last year?
6. One way swaps out of the UK?
7. [information redacted]

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Subject: Interim basis for IQS - UK management of swap proposals

Dear all,

I understand that ideally Defra would like one list of all UK swaps to consider and send to the Commission e.g. one excel spreadsheet formatted to match what is required by the swap process.

I suggest it makes sense if we (the MMO and DAs) could all populate the same format excel spreadsheet, maybe with a tab for each DA? And an overarching totals page for each stock going in/out of the UK.

I am happy to propose a spreadsheet format and send around for suggestions and if someone in DEFRA, perhaps [information redacted] could input into an initial format I would be grateful.

Ideally this spreadsheet would somehow be held centrally for all to access, does anyone know how this can be done? If not, so long as we all use the same format, data can be copied into a master sheet.

Please can you let me know your opinions on this idea and whether you would like the MMO to proceed with creating a draft spreadsheet?

Many thanks

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Subject: RE: proposed exchanges update

[information redacted],

Thank you for setting out the points below.

To note that we are very disappointed with the DEFRA position.

We set out a logical position on Friday for next steps. As you know we are content with 13 of the 16 PO led proposed exchanges, but do not endorse the three exchanges involving NS Nephrops. I will briefly summarise these points again for the record:

- The exchange rates for all three, [information redacted]. Yes, we are in great need of cod and there are substantial challenges in managing that fishery, but as fisheries managers we need to try and quantify and balance that need. Little thought appears to have been given here to the broader interest.
- We stressed the importance of being prudent with the first group of exchanges as this would set the tone for the future. [information redacted].
- [information redacted]

- Nephrops uptake – your analysis on Nephrops uptake it not correct. The UK fishery in the second 6 months of the year is always larger than the first, as that both meets availability of the prawns on the grounds and tailors to the later winter market. In each of the last ten years, landings in the second 6 months have outweighed those from the first 6 months 2:1. Assuming fishing rates double, UK uptake will clearly approach 100% in 2021 (we estimate 18,500 tonnes out of a UK TAC of 18,623). To give away 100s of tonnes of NS Nephrops at this stage will not only increase business costs, through leasing, it will increase the risk of an early closure, or curtailment in production, ahead of valuable end year markets.
- [information redacted]
- What is most disappointing is that a prudent alternative (Plan B) of going ahead with 13 of the 16 proposed exchanges now, with consensus across all FAs, and then going to back to the Aberdeen and EEFPO and asking them to revisit appears to have been simply dismissed.

It would therefore be helpful if DEFRA can set out what the UK rationale is for such exchanges...other than you could not do it at this late stage.

As noted on Friday, we are operating in a new environment now. This is the first time we have conducted such an exchange in this arena - there will be things we don't get right, and it is important to adapt where we can improve, and try and ensure a good deal for all fishers in the UK. With that in mind I would welcome your views on the inclusion of economic value in considering future exchanges.

I do understand the urgency to get a package together, but it appears to have been done here in haste. Endorsing these three proposed exchanges undermines our credibility as fisheries managers, ignores the national interest, falls well short of optimising value to the UK, and is something we can have no part in.

We won't be supporting the Aberdeen FPO proposal, and would seek all FAs backing in this.

Please coordinate with [information redacted] and [information redacted] on comms, as this will require careful handling.

Will be advising Ministers here accordingly

As always, I would be happy to discuss.

Thank you

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Subject: RE: proposed exchanges update

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Hi [information redacted],

Thank you setting this out, we are content for you to go ahead on the basis you have outlined below.

I look forward to further discussions before the next round of swaps.

Thanks,

[information redacted]

[information redacted]

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Subject: proposed exchanges update

Hi all

Thanks again for your time and input on Friday about the proposed exchanges. We discussed a few points so I'm emailing to set out both what we agreed and how we plan to proceed on the proposals where there was difference of opinion.

[information redacted]

[Information redacted]

EEFPO and Aberdeen PO outward transfers of NEP/2AC4-C

Both these POs have proposed transfers of this stock to the EU. Although these transfers didn't meet any of the consideration points, Scottish Government declined to endorse these transfers. This was primarily because they consider the apparent exchange value to be unfavourable to the UK but they also noted that it may leave us short of nephrops come year end. We discussed but did not reach resolution.

I've discussed further with colleagues since our call on Friday. Our thinking is as follows:

- Our aim here was to make exchanges happen quickly in order to secure inward transfers of quota in priority stocks. This includes cod and saithe. These proposed transfers would deliver on that aim.
- We published guidance within the transfer form. Value was not one of the points we said we'd consider. As such, we don't think it would be appropriate to decline to accept a proposal on this basis. It would effectively add new consideration points in after the fact.
- We also don't have a clear mechanism for assessing value and we don't think it would be appropriate to try undertake such an assessment without this. Especially under time constraint and having not included it in the list of factors we would consider.
- We also note that we have three separate transfers here negotiated by two different UK POs with three different groups in two different EU states. Yet the exchange rates are within a similar range to each other. And while we've not done detailed analysis on this, [information redacted].
- In the latest weekly spreadsheets, UK uptake is 36% with 33 weeks remaining. As such, we don't think this is likely to cause an immediate pressure on this stock. By contrast, the inward quotas are in high demand and we do have pressures on those.
- [information redacted]

For the reasons set out above, we would be content to allow all these exchanges. However, we note that Scottish Government does not endorse these and that one of these proposals is from a Scottish PO. Although international exchanges are a reserved matter, we will respect the devolved nature of fisheries management and so we will not seek to make that particular exchange without the support of Scottish Government.

By contrast, the proposed exchanges from EEFPO are from an English PO. As such, we will seek to make those.

Other general comments

Some of the justifications given by POs were not particularly good. We discussed the inward transfer of ANF/07 proposed by WWCPPO and the inward transfer of SOL/24-C proposed by EEFPO in particular. And, although we didn't discuss this one, on reflection we also think the Lunar justification would be better if it explained the need for the transfer rather than just saying it aligns with previous practice.

These don't give rise to significant concerns on the points we said we would consider in the guidance but we do think it would be worth us all making clear to POs that they do need to give better justifications in future. Including why this can't be done as a domestic trade. We could also ask them to better explain the value of the transfers in future which may help us avoid differences of opinion in reviewing them.

Next steps

We'll now move ahead with all exchanges (bar the Aberdeen PO one as outlined above). We will exchange lists with EU today and are discussing with Cion later. I suggest we revert to you all then and we pick up comms at that point once we know if there are any issues on EU side.

Assuming all is well we should be able to tell POs and QMGs today where everything is at and that the exchanges should be finalised in the coming days.

Thanks, [Information redacted]

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8) Note of meeting between Marine Scotland, WG, Daera and Defra officials held on 16th July 2021 to undertake approval process of proposals received from UK fishing industry as part of round 1 of quota exchanges

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Subject: Exchange discussion

I was dodging calls with my estate agent but I took some notes because you were both talking.

Clarification on comms and timing. The spreadsheet that will be sent to the EU on Monday. The EU will need a few days to consider the exchanges due to the status of the TQR so the expectation will be that the SCF meeting on Tuesday will note that the lists have been exchanged. FAs will be able to confirm to POs whether the proposals have been accepted noting that there the EU and UK have not have reached a final agreement. Group agreed that there will be no discussion with POs based on today's discussion.

[information redacted] – flagged that there is one transfer (GSS) to discuss in detail. [information redacted – Raised that there is 3t interfish landings from April that is not on the spreadsheet. Potentially a data error but noted that it was a pelagic vessel. [information redacted] pointed out that this needs to be resolved sooner rather than later and supported allowing a swap to go through as it will be covered. [information redacted noted that this swap took a long time to put together, asked if the UK is content to be in debt until an IQS can be reached? Defra & MMO view the risk as low as it can be covered and would not stand in the way of approval. [information redacted] reminded the meeting that the NL and DE will be targeting to it does need to be covered soon. [information redacted]. [information redacted] suggested reviewing the guidance to make sure this doesn't arise in the future. [information redacted] suggested the POs are reminded that they are targeting fish without an allocation to cover overshoot.

Discussion of proposed transfers

SG raised concerns about equivalence of value, particularly from NEP that despite the COD and WHI inward transfer the value is not equitable. Therefore reservations on ABDN NL, EFPO DE EFPO NL transactions. The catch rates this year are high which means the UK will catch its full quota. Defra is in a different place on the value equivalence given the timescales noting that it was not one of the criteria given to POs. [information redacted supported [information redacted's comments on uptake projections and reminded the group that as fisheries managers that it has to endorse exchanges that are in the interests of the whole UK and we need to be careful not to undermine that position. The SG urged the group to not act as a post box and to approve exchanges that are giving it away cheaply. Defra are not prepared to second guess industry's assessment of value generated. WAG concerned about risk to choke. NI reflected that while not a NI issue they swaps do look odd.

SG cannot support Aberdeen and EFPO exchanges as they are, they need to be better balanced for the return. Proposed that they are rejected and revised. Defra are taking onboard the SG concerns [information redacted], MS could withdraw the Aberdeen bid. SG does not want to be in a situation where this needs to be escalated to Ministerial level and urged Defra to take a prudent approach, approve the ones where there is consensus and ask the Aberdeen and EFPO ones are reworked in a later batch and gave suggestions on how that can be better balanced. Defra encouraged MS to pull the Aberdeen bid and indicated that the EFPO will go ahead. MMO supported SG's request to revisit the swap as per previous procedure on consensus for swaps. [information redacted]

Defra concluded that it would be unlikely to take the Aberdeen one forward without MS endorsement.

SG raised the WAG proposal on ANF can be met from within the UK.

[information redacted], [information redacted]– Demersal Stocks, Sea Fisheries Division, Marine Scotland, Scottish Government - working from home Monday – Thursday so call or email: [information redacted – [information redacted]

9) Note of meeting between Marine Scotland, WG, Daera and Defra officials held on 16th July 2021 to undertake approval process of proposals received from UK fishing industry as part of round 1 of quota exchanges.

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Subject: Information redacted] note: Summary of UK FAs review of quota exchange proposals

Importance: High

- MS stuck to our lines to oppose the 3 proposals (one from Aberdeen & two from EEFPPO) whereby hundreds of tonnes of nephrops were to be exchanged to Germany & Netherlands for scant (relatively speaking) value of cod & whiting.
- We also stated that there was a good prospect for uptake of NS nephrops to near 100% of the UK's current quota and therefore it was vital that if nephrops quota were used in exchanges, it must achieve a much better return of quotas than is currently proposed.
- Our point generated support from MMO colleagues, who also noted the 1 or 2 examples of paper fish which seemed to be coming back to the UK for no reason. [information redacted] were a little coy around using value as an indicator (probably because they are wary of accidentally scuppering future proposals from their fleet) but endorsed our point about the level of uptake being an important factor in any decision. DAERA made little comment other than to note they would prefer to take more time and review things with senior colleagues.
- Defra ([information redacted]) stated that it was their line that 'value' should not be an impediment to UK's decision about exchanges, rather we should solely assess 'need'.
- [information redacted] then proposed that we could withdraw Aberdeen's proposal but that they would not withdraw the EEFPPO proposals.
- We said that optimisation of returns is key and that these proposals should be taken away and the POs attempt to re-negotiate them to achieve better returns. MMO were in strong support for this action, in terms of ensuring a UK, consensual decision from the get-go.
- We also noted that we were content to be flexible on another EEFPPO exchange which did not have a strong relative value but we were happy to endorse because the outgoing stocks would not inhibit UK fishermen. This relaxed and [information redacted] said that he would seek immediate clarification.
- [information redacted] was very clear that he did not believe that this was a matter which should require escalation to ministers but that would be inevitable if UKG forged ahead without consideration for our salient points, especially if we decided to withdraw Aberdeen's proposal. If the EEFPPO swaps went ahead it would ultimately escalate to SG ministers, [information redacted] if we rejected their one but the others went ahead.

- [information redacted] finished by saying he would need to speak to senior colleagues before a final decision on this matter would be taken, i.e. whether they would agree to reject these 3 swaps and tell the POs to renegotiate them. We may hear back today or Monday.
- We anticipate that you may receive a call/message from [information redacted] or [information redacted] this afternoon, or early Monday at the latest.
- We raised one other issue – the Welsh exchange which can be realised internally and there that no UK need for the inward transfer. Our view was, again, strongly supported by MMO.
- WG argued that offering stocks internally was not an agreed rationale for rejecting a proposal.
- I cannot recall if it was agreed that W&WC would be asked to seek internal swaps – [information redacted]/[information redacted]?

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Subject: exchanges to check

Hi [information redacted]

These are the ones on the EU list that I think we're not taking forward. The ones in red I can trace to the Aberdeen PO one. But the others I couldn't definitively link back to anything I've seen. I think the Spanish one is with Northern PO and the German one is with Fife.

Could you check that tallies with your understanding of those proposals?

Stock code	EU Member State	From UK to EU Member State	From EU Member State to UK
NEP/07.	[information redacted]		20.000
NEP/*07U16			20.000
HKE/571214		170.000	
COD/2A3AX4			40.000
NEP/2AC4-C		200.000	
T/B/2AC4-C		10.000	

COD/2A3AX4			41.000
WHG/2AC4.			4.000
PLE/2A3AX4		100.000	
NEP/2AC4-C		240.000	

Thanks, [information redacted]

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Subject: interim quota exchanges with EU

Hi all

I've managed to speak to a couple of you about this today but wanted to drop everyone an email so you're all sighted and to see if we can find space for a call next week.

As you're all aware, the TCA provides for the SCF to establish an in year exchange mechanism and, in advance of that, the WR of this year's UK/EU annual consultations provides for an interim exchange mechanism.

We got a steer from ministers a couple of days ago about how they would like this interim exchange mechanism to operate. They see this as being a facilitative arrangement where UK POs broker exchanges with EU counterparts. Outward quota would be deducted from a PO and the resultant inward quota would be given to that PO. These exchanges would be subject to approval before the exchange could take place.

We would need to agree with this with the EU and that will be next step but this is what we'd be aiming to put in place.

A key benefit of this is that we think it could allow exchanges to happen quickly. This will get quota to those in UK industry who need it right now without need for further lengthy negotiations. It also avoids the difficulties of taking quota away post-allocation and trying to balance inward quota with those deductions at an industry level.

In practice we think this could take the form of a list of PO to PO exchanges being agreed in the near future. We would notify industry of this in advance and allow them to put forward exchanges. This could be a single event or it could be repeated. The exact details are to be worked out. And although we don't want to slow the process down or create any uncertainty, we should be clear with industry that government has to approve the exchanges.

We think it would be worth having a call on this next week to discuss the practicalities further and how we collectively engage industry. Would each admin be able to make a 09.30 call on Weds?

This is all without prejudice to the longer term in-year mechanism that the SCF will look at and should give us time to consider that in more detail. We'll continue discussions with you all and with industry about that separately as we've been doing.

Thanks, [information redacted]

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Subject: RE: Interim basis for IQS - UK management of swap proposals

Hi all,

Please find attached the updated documents [documents publically available] following our conversation this morning. [information redacted] I think I have covered the points you raised below other than special condition stocks, haven't done anything on them.

Many thanks

[information redacted]

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Subject: RE: Interim basis for IQS - UK management of swap proposals

In the attached doc which groups will complete and return, my number needs to be updated in the "instructions" tab? I'm still not in the office, so please add my mobile [information redacted]

Plus, we need to add the FA pools onto the list in the "codes" tab to enable them to compile exchange proposals.

In the list of stocks we should remove Clyde Herring. It's a delegated TAC and we wouldn't want to exchange any of that away and we cannot get it in from anyone else either. And do we wish to include "special condition" stocks in this list?

I will reply to [information redacted]'s email later today with some more thoughts about "trigger points".

Finally, just to raise my point about [information redacted] proposed wording (from email sent 1812 yesterday)

Please note that requested exchanges are not necessarily guaranteed to go forward as they require approval by Defra.

We'd like to make sure that it is clear that "approval" is by consensus of UK FAs.

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Subject: RE: Interim basis for IQS - UK management of swap proposals

Hi – Thanks for the offer. Let's pick up in the call this morning. We do need one combined list to exchange with the EU. I think we've already circulated a draft spreadsheet for this but let's talk through and see if that works for everyone.

Cheers, [information redacted]

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Subject: Interim basis for IQS - UK management of swap proposals

Dear all,

I understand that ideally Defra would like one list of all UK swaps to consider and send to the Commission e.g. one excel spreadsheet formatted to match what is required by the swap process.

I suggest it makes sense if we (the MMO and DAs) could all populate the same format excel spreadsheet, maybe with a tab for each DA? And an overarching totals page for each stock going in/out of the UK.

I am happy to propose a spreadsheet format and send around for suggestions and if someone in DEFRA, perhaps [information redacted], [information redacted] could input into an initial format I would be grateful.

Ideally this spreadsheet would somehow be held centrally for all to access, does anyone know how this can be done? If not, so long as we all use the same format, data can be copied into a master sheet.

Please can you let me know your opinions on this idea and whether you would like the MMO to proceed with creating a draft spreadsheet?

Many thanks

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