

### **Steering Group Meeting No 16**

Venue: Defra, Foss House  
Date: 8<sup>th</sup> September 2011  
Start: 12:00

#### **Present:**

Philip Stamp (Defra) – Chair  
Clare Adams (Cefas) – minute taker  
Simon Baldwin (WAG)  
John Baxter (SNH)  
Paul Buckley (Cefas)  
Martyn Cox (Scottish Government)  
Rory Crawford (RSPB)  
Gareth Cunningham  
Stephen Dye (Cefas)

Matt Frost (MBA) (MF)  
Dickon Howell (MMO)  
John Pinnegar (Cefas)  
Kristian Teleki (Seaweb)  
Dan Laffoley (Ocean Innovations Ltd)  
Beth Stoker (JNCC)  
Jon Tinker (Met Office)  
Narumon Withers Harvey (Defra)

#### **Apologies:**

Mike Cowling (Crown Estate)  
Sandy Downie (SEPA)  
Martin Edwards (SAHFOS)  
Peter Tangney (EA)  
Glenn Nolan (Marine Institute, ROI)  
Colin Moffat (Marine Scotland)

Stephen Roast  
Craig Wallace (NERC)  
Kate Lonsdale (UKCIP)  
Jackie Maud (Environment Agency)  
Nafees Meah (DECC)

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

It was agreed that a report on MCCIP's achievements so far for external use would be a useful document to get other organisations to contribute to Phase 2. It was suggested that a one-pager should be developed followed by a fuller, audit version coming out of the evaluation. This will be picked up at the next Management Group meeting.

Pressure to merge MCCIP with GOV.UK has subsided for the moment; and the MCCIP domainname will be renewed. It was agreed that MCCIP should wait until we are approached again about a change and move to the MBA website.

Meetings' structure has changed so that there will be larger workshops and smaller "business" groups to deal with individual tasks.

The funding spreadsheet has been updated.

The CSW topic decision will be based upon the industry where a produce is most likely to be delivered by the end of the FY year. A chair for CSW is still required but is not a problem yet.

A job description for an independent assessor has been written and an evaluator recruited.

The knowledge gaps paper will be submitted to MSCC at their late September meeting.

### **Management Group feedback**

The members of the Management Group (MG) are – Paul Buckley, Philip Stamp, Martyn Cox, John Baxter, Gareth Cunningham, Stephen Dye, and Matt Frost. Meetings will take place a couple of weeks before and after each SG, usually via tele-conference.

**Risk register** – The risk register contains the key risks from the business plan, which have been re-evaluated, and an additional risk regarding the carrying over of additional funds. It is estimated that there will be an underspend at the end of the financial year. PB will be reforecasting shortly and will take the figures to the MG. Advice will need to go to funders fairly soon regarding the amount of money being requested this year, especially if it is less than their commitment.

**Evaluation** – The evaluator has now been appointed (Dr Ann Davies from Defra In House Policy Resource). The first meeting will take place next week (13/9/11)

### **Key deliverables – Special Topic and CSW**

#### Special topic (Climate Change Impacts on Fish, Fisheries and Aquaculture)

The authors have drafted their submissions and they have been sent to the Journal 'Aquatic Conservation' for peer review. Their first drafts went to the Special Topic working group for an internal review to ensure that the papers will provide a sound basis for the summary report card. Second drafts have now been received. Work will begin on 9<sup>th</sup> September to start developing the report card. The report card will be presented at the next meeting of the SG for sign off. It is proposed to launch the report at the World Fisheries Congress (WFC) meeting in Edinburgh, May 2012.

It was agreed that the launch should be aimed at the media with relevant Ministers present; the launch could take place over a lunchtime but with a slot at WFC to expand on the STRC.

The slot for WFC meeting needs to be arranged quickly as the group was informed that most slots have already been allocated. Mike Kaiser will be approached at the MBA conference in Plymouth next week.

It may be possible to have a slot in the Seafood Industry section.

The SG need to find out who is advising Richard Lochhead; if there is a Welsh Minister attending; establish if an appropriate representative from Ireland would be available to attend the launch; and check if authors will be attending conference.

Wiley Blackwell (publisher of Aquatic Conservation) to be approached to see if they want to sponsor the launch.

Planet under Pressure (late March) would be an alternative platform to launch the STRC if WFC falls through.

#### Climate Smart Working

The CSW WG has met on several occasions to take forward work on the 'aquaculture' and 'small ports /

marinas' sectors. Activities have included:

- a detailed analysis of key reports to provide a summary of key risks for these sectors
- Identify key leads from the two sectors as initial points of contact
- Conduct telephone interviews with key sector leads (approx 16 interviews have taken place), based around a series of structured questions agreed by WG
- Analyse the responses to see where most likely opportunities lie

Current / future work:

- Develop short summary documents to aid the 'sales pitch' to demonstrate not only a scientific understanding of the topic but the benefits / what MCCIP can offer on adaptation
- PB to present at PIANC seminar in mid-October
- Formally re-engaging with potential sector partners

It was suggested that contacting the Environment Agency as they have contacts with Marinas / Small Ports through their WFD work.

### **Knowledge Gaps**

The knowledge gaps paper is due to be submitted as an MSCC paper on 9<sup>th</sup> September ahead of their meeting later this month.

Paper was circulated to the group prior to the meeting and changes have been made from the feedback received; further changes will be made later

Suggested changes from the meeting:

- Gaps needs to be linked to the themes within the UK Marine Science Strategy for the MSCC one pager;
- Gaps should all be statements – to be looked at after MSCC paper;
- The use of 'now / future' etc needs to be looked at as this could be interpreted that prioritisation has already taken place.

It is expected that the final product will be a published product – MCCIP branded – in a similar format to the ARC.

Potential future use of the document

- Science Alignment Group meeting in October – would be useful to be shared there
- HBSEG

### **Presentation: Overview of national climate change 'preparedness' reports / initiatives including CCRA**

Full details of the CLAMER work will be available next week on [www.clamer.eu](http://www.clamer.eu)

The group agreed that the raw data tables should be made available as these would be valuable for students / researchers.

Link to MCCIP: It was suggested it will be useful to compare the results with the ARCs and also the results will help with prioritisation for future cards / Special Topics.

**Presentation: International monitoring of ocean climate and its relevance to Britain and Ireland**

A presentation based on the ICES Cooperative Research Report No 309

(<http://ices.dk/pubs/crr/crr309/ICES%20SCREEN%20PDFs/ICRR%20309-inner-singles.pdf>)

**Presentation: What next for British and Irish marine scenarios**

An update on the future work of UKCP – UK Climate Projections – was provide.

It is important that Defra is aware of what is useful / important to organisations in this area, particularly in respect of scenarios v resolution.

**AOB**

Comments made during the meeting – talks were a good addition to the meeting but future talks should include more links to / considerations for MCCIP.

**Craig Wallace** – formerly represented NERC - has now moved to UEA but would still like to be involved with MCCIP. He would like to engage from the UEA perspective and has links to NOA. A NERC representative would still need to attend MCCIP SG.

***MCCIP activities***

MF will be presenting to the Royal Society meeting in November.

Any other involvement in MCCIP related activities should be sent to the Secretariat.

Meeting closed: 16:00

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