



RIFG Meeting Agenda and Meeting Notes

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- **Regulating Order**- Following the meeting with OIC, NAFC, OFA. A regulating Order looks like it is going to be too expensive as an option for Orkney's fisheries management. There would also have an independent company set up to operate the RO which would need resourcing and operating. This has been put on the back burner for the time being but has been properly investigated as an alternative option for Orkney's Fisheries Management.
- **Fish +** - Discussion of the new group Fish+ was had and it was mentioned that I apply for a position on the panel.
- **IFMI**- Inshore Fisheries Management, there is due to be a consultation on IFMI early next year and how inshore fisheries management is to be approached by the Marine Directorate.
- **Scientists**- Arranging a port sampler was discussed to address some of the missing data that we have in Orkney. It looks like coordination with Heriot Watt University will be needed and developing projects for MSC students is the most logical way forward for collecting data.
- **Scottish Government Consultations**- Discussion on the current Marine Directorate Consultation on Marine and Coastal Restoration Plan- how the lack of data could really make it hard to define the nursing grounds for commercial fish and shellfish stocks.
- **General Catch up- Issues**- Management development is stalling and it is causing issues now for the sustainability of the seafood in Scotland. More and more is expected of fisher's, processors by consumers and eNGOs in terms of sustainability but there is very little development of regional management to support them.