



STEERING GROUP MEETING 7 (VC) - MINUTES

Date: Monday 1st March 2021 - **Location:** Video Conference (VC) - **Time:** 11:00

This meeting took place by Video Conference (VC).

Present through external video link:

Adam Lewis – Northern Lighthouse Board (AL)

Amie Williams – Project Officer (AW)

Annabel Lawrence – Coastal Communities Network (CCN) (ALA)

Claudia Watson – Observer – Masters Student at University College London (UCL) (CW)

Elaine Whyte – Community Inshore Fisheries Alliance (CIFA) (EW)

Graham Russell – Royal Yachting Association (RYA) Scotland (SB)

Harriett Rushton – Military of Defence (MOD) (HR)

Joanne Holbrook – Marine Scotland Compliance (JH)

Marina Curran-Colthart – Argyll and Bute Council (MCC)

Councillor Roddy McCuish – Argyll and Bute Council (RM)

Sarah Cunningham – Chair (SC)

Simon Macdonald – West Coast Inshore Fisheries Group (WCIFG) (SMD)

Apologies:

Alan Kettle-White – Argyll District Salmon Fisheries Board (DSFB) (AKW)

Anne Anderson – Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation (SSPO) (AA)

David Adams-McGill – Visit Scotland (DAM)

Fanny Royanez – Scottish Environment LINK (FR)

Janet Khan – Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) (JK)

Philip Robertson – Historic Environment Scotland (HES) (PR)

1. Welcome and apologies

SC welcomed the Steering Group (SG) and apologies were given. The following attended in place of the lead liaison for their respective organisation, corporate body or sector:

- Marina Curran-Colthart (MCC) in the absence of Fergus Murray (FM) from Argyll and Bute Council

Masters student Claudia Watson (CW) also attended from University College London (ULC) as an observer.

2. Confirmation of minutes from meeting 6

SC asked the SG if anyone had any comments about the draft minutes from meeting 6. The minutes were approved and will now be posted on the MarPAMM website as the final version rather than draft.

ACTION POINT: AW to request that SAMS publish the confirmed minutes from meeting 6 and the draft minutes from meeting 7 onto the MarPAMM website.

3. Updates from previous meeting

- GR will be replacing Sarah Brown (SB) on the SG for RYA Scotland.
- Finlay Bennet (FB) is stepping away as a SG member due to a change of roles within Marine Scotland. We are now determining who will replace FB from Marine Scotland.

4. Proposal for new Steering Group member

SC explained that there was some concern that there is not enough local tourism representation on the SG and as many of the on-going projects involve tourism it was recognised that this would be a useful addition to the group.

SMD raised that they were concerned that there was not enough fishing representation on the SG as there are many gear types operating within the MPAs and that aquaculture should also have a voice on the SG. SC said that the SG was formed to have one liaison from each respective organisation, corporate body or sector with a maritime interest. Based off feedback prior to the SG being formed, it became clear that two liaisons would be required for the commercial fishing industry and environmental NGOs as not everyone would feel represented at the national/regional level and therefore an additional liaison was needed for each to represent more local interests. This is why we already have additional liaisons on the SG for

both the fishing industry and environmental NGOs. AW said that while having liaisons on the SG from both the mobile sector and static sector was discussed, it was agreed with the previous WCIFG chair and CIFA that any issues that needed to be discussed with mobile and/or static fishers could be brought up at an existing WCIFG meeting. AW also highlighted that aquaculture is already a SG member and that the main aquaculture companies operating in Argyll had been engaged with and agreed to who that SG member would be.

SC asked each SG member in turn to confirm if they agreed to a single liaison from a local tourism organisation joining the SG. The SG agreed to the addition and suggested a number of organisations/people that would be appropriate to approach. AW and SC will meet with Heart of Argyll and other local tourism organisations to discuss the best way forward.

ACTION POINT: AW and SC to follow up with local tourism organisations to discuss how best they can engage with the project and determine who will join the SG.

5. Presentation 1: ArcGIS Storymaps/Experience Builder

AW walked the SG through the experience builder and the content that would be included on the site. AW explained that the purpose of the site was to act as a landing page for information on the MPAs in Argyll and therefore tried to link to existing information as much as possible. There was a general consensus that the site was a good idea and some members expressed an interest in sharing the experience builder on their respective web pages. Feedback was also provided on what additional information could be included in on the site, e.g. an explanation of fishing methods.

SC asked the SG in turn if they were satisfied with how the information on reporting was presented on the experience builder and asked if including the link to the site on the leaflet was the most appropriate solution to the concerns raised in meeting 6. The SG agreed this was an appropriate solution and recommended other reporting schemes that could be included, e.g. invasive non-native species and stranding's.

ACTION POINT: AW to continue working on the experience builder and make additional changes suggested by the SG.

ACTION POINT: AW to send links and screen grabs to HR so they are able to see what the experience builder looks like.

6. Activity 1: Defining objectives/principles for the MPAs in Argyll

AW highlighted to the group that the project is due to come to a conclusion in the next 18 months and in Autumn 2021 there will be a consultation on the outputs of the project. AW said the next stage of the project is to try and bring together all of the information gathered so far to develop strategic and operational objectives/principles for the MPAs. This will then set a vision for the MPAs in Argyll. From there the list of on-going projects will be compared to the objectives to determine if any can help to achieve the objectives or if any further recommendations need to be made.

The SG were split into breakout groups and asked to think about where they would like the MPAs to be in the future with respect to biodiversity, socio-economics, knowledge and awareness, and management and governance. Comments were captured using Conceptboard.

The initial results of the exercise will be used as a starting point for the SG to agree a set of objectives and recommendations between March and June 2021.

ACTION POINT: AW to distribute the link to the Conceptboard so that the SG have the opportunity to make additional comments by Friday 12th March.

7. Presentation 2: Benefits realisation exercise infographic

AW has been working with a local designer to present the information gathered during the benefits realisation exercise that the SG undertook back in June 2020. AW showed the initial design to the SG and has asked that over the next week the SG have a look at the infographic and provide feedback/comments.

ACTION POINT: AW to distribute the link to the benefits realisation infographic to the SG for comment. Comments to be made by Friday 12th March.

8. Presentation 3: Project Updates

AW said that each of the projects that are scoped into the MarPAMM-Argyll project are still on-going but there was no further up-dates to provide. A list of the projects can be found below

- Argyll and Bute Council Guidance.
- NLB infrastructure.
- Familiarisation Day.
- Management measures workshop.
- KIPPER Guide.
- Understanding fisheries management paper

- SiteLink development.
- MPA Video.

In addition to the above, AW is also in discussions with the Environmental Manager at CalMac about placing some information on MPAs on the ferry's and is also working on developing an MPA Awareness project that could give MPAs more of an identity within communities. GR added that it would be good to get children and teachers involved and could be something that is considered as part of the Curriculum of Excellence.

9. Project Officer's tasks between now and the next meeting

AW showed the SG the timeline of work between now and the end of the project and emphasised that there are only two more meetings before the draft set of outcomes and recommendations need to be ready for consultation. AW said that between now and the next SG meeting (June) the efforts will concentrate on developing the objectives for the MPAs in Argyll.

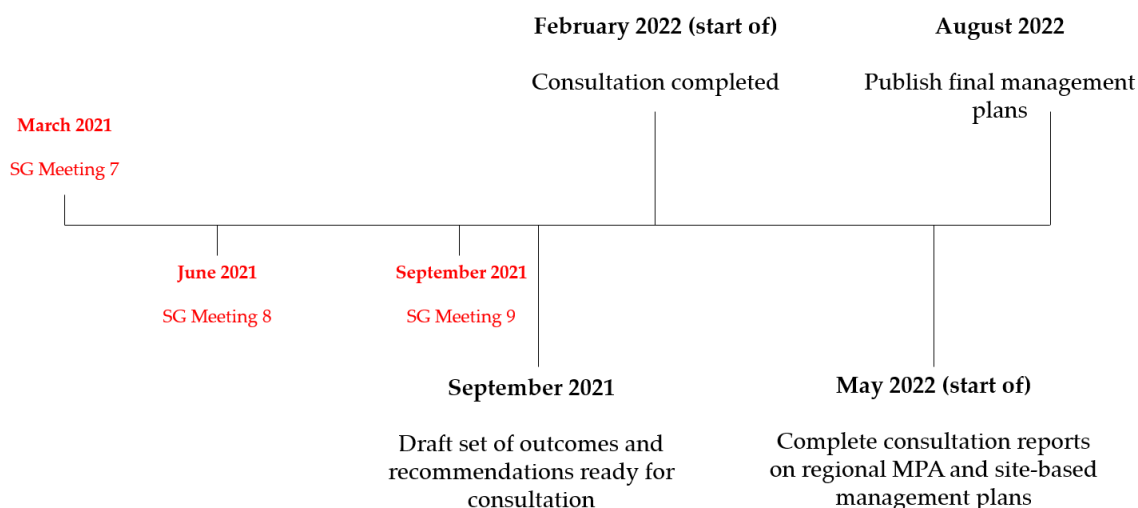


Figure 1. Project timeline between March 2021 and August 2022.

10. AOB

No other business was raised.

11. Summary of Action Points

Action Points	Person
Request that SAMS publish the confirmed minutes from meeting 6 and the draft minutes from meeting 7 onto the MarPAMM website.	AW
Follow up with local tourism organisations to discuss how best they can engage with the project and determine who will join the SG.	AW & SC
Continue to work on the experience builder and make additional changes suggested by the SG.	AW
Send links and screen grabs to HR so they are able to see what the experience builder looks like.	AW
Distribute the link to the Conceptboard so the SG have the opportunity to make additional comments by Friday 12 th March.	AW/ALL
Distribute the link to the benefits realisation infographic to the SG for comment. Comments to be made by Friday 12 th March.	AW/ALL

Appendix 1 – Summary of action points from meeting 6

Action Points	Person	
Request that SAMS publish the confirmed minutes from meeting 4 and 5 (once amended) and the draft minutes from meeting 6 onto the MarPAMM website.	AW	Completed
AW and SC to discuss what text to include and what the most appropriate mechanism is to include in the leaflet for the public to get information on how to report concerns and circulate this to the SG.	AW & SC	Completed
Follow up with EW to clarify what MPA evaluation report they were referring to.	AW	On-going
Continue to work on the StoryMap and provide updates to the SG.	AW	On-going
Amend the icons on NLB infrastructure statement to make the map clearer.	AW	On-going
As the project progresses, AW will work with the SG to ensure that the management measures event are balanced and contain appropriate content.	AW/ALL	On-going