SASWG - Action Points extracted from draft minutes

Pre-existing APs not yet discharged:

(*)SB to invite net manufacturers to a meeting - no results so far

(*)JA to speak with _____ (FF) about discussing testing devices with _____ and fish farms – carried forward – no reply as yet.

(*)SN to report at next meeting on continued analysis of existing data with a view to determining efficacy of Add's. – not completed as yet.

New AP s

AP: Anti-Predator nets: IW/OR to take this further with MS-LOT and discuss the possibility of adding more detail to survey question on reasons for not using anti-predator nets. (Intention to solicit information about bycatch in antipredator nets)

AP: Which sites are not allowed to use ADDs: Marine Scotland (IW & OR) to refine questions in the fish farm survey and follow up with JD.

AP: JW to ask SSPO if members are using ADD's and if not why not.

AP: SN to follow up with OR on data analysis (shootings vs damage vs use of ADD vs location etc).

AP: JA to remind new Freedom Food members to get hold of info why seals have been shot and the reasons why other anti-predator methods have failed.

AP: AD to speak with JW and take forward (clever ideas award)

AP: JA to find out from Aquaculture regulators in Australia (what are other countries doing)

AP: All to use international contacts to get info from elsewhere. (on what other countries are doing)

AP: SN to insert the ADD points in the workplan ¹ and circulate to the group. Members to express their views on ranking of workplan by end of September.

AP: SN to ask (SSC) to circulate and update (information on SSC trials)

AP: AD to give feedback to members after the meeting with Genuswave.

AP: IW to check with MS-LOT how many fish farms (if any) have applied for an EPS licence so far?

AP: SN to ask if Ace Aquatec has begun investigations on continuous use of ADD's (meaning lower frequency continuous noise ADDs intended to be cetacean friendly)

¹ I have no recollection of what other ADD points needed to be added to the putative workplan that was circulated prior to the last meeting.

AP: JA to prompt to discuss with how to catalyse and test efficacy of the acoustic testing stick.

AP: AO to contact JG (same issue)

AP: IW to inform the Group about any changes on SG position (on release of site specific / company specific information on shooting).

AP: IW to circulate links to the graphs. (of shooting returns) – done.

AP: SN to add SB and JA views on the website - What was the group's contribution in reducing seal shooting and best practice (I am unclear about what this means — anyone remember?)