Discard Action Group meeting

Wednesday 6 November 2019
10.30am – 3.30pm
George Fox Room
Friends House,
173-177 Euston Road,
London. NW1 2BJ

Tea and coffee available from 10.00am

Draft agenda

10.30 Welcome and introductions/Minutes of the previous meeting on 2 April 2019. Mike Park, SWFPA, DAG Chair.

10.35 - 12.00 2019 - one year into full implementation of the landing obligation
- Current discard plans/Scotland’s Future Catching Policy/how this links to the landing obligation. Warren Devine, Marine Scotland.
- Defra update/looking ahead. Andrew Newlands, Defra.
- Q&A.

12.00 - 12.30 Advances in selectivity
- Ten new selective gears approved for use in the UK all aimed at reducing discards. Mike Montgomerie, Seafish.
- Q&A

12.30 - 1.30 LUNCH

1.30 - 2.20 Latest initiatives
- Project UK FIPs. Where do they fit and how are they viewed by the catching sector? Jo Pollett, Marine Stewardship Council.
- Low environmental impact fishing workshops. Harry Owen, MRAG.
- Q&A.

2.20 - 3.10 End of life fishing gear and recycling
- Clarification of EU rules governing recycling gear. Stuart McLanaghan, Seafish.
- End of life fishing gear recycling project in the SW. Gus Caslake, Seafish.
- Q&A.

3.10 - 3.30 The future of DAG.

3.30 Meeting closes

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