

FISHERIES & MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL
(62nd Meeting)

Brief notes & action points from meeting held at Howard Davis Farm on 9th February 2011

- Present:** Mike Taylor – Chairman
Constable Len Norman – Assistant Minister EDD
Ian Syvret representing the Jersey Inshore Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Boutillier representing Boat Owners (Northern Section)
Paul Bizec representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Peter Gosselin representing Jersey Anglers
Don Thompson representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Masurier representing Jersey Aquaculture Association
- In Attendance:** Simon Bossy – Head of Fisheries & Marine Resources
Mike Smith – Senior Fisheries Inspector
Greg Morel – Marine & Coastal Zone Officer
Jonathan Shrives – Fisheries Officer R&D
Willie Peggie – Director of Environment
Dot Miller - Minutes
- Apologies:** Nathalie Porritt
Constable Mike Jackson
Paul le Neveu

Action

1. Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2010 were approved, however the following was noted:

Ian Syvret was in attendance.

2.3 (Windfarms) Line 2 should read 'area of least impact'

5.2 Electronic Log books – responsibility for EDD to look at equivalent funding as the UK.

Minutes proposed by CLeB, seconded by PB.

Matters Arising

2.3 (Windfarms) It was confirmed that a letter, on behalf of the Panel, has been sent to the Chief Minister as agreed.

2. Pot Limitation for Non-Licensed Vessels

IS raised the point that there was no pot limitation for non-licensed vessels and requested that the Panel consider setting a limitation.

General discussion following during which the following points were noted:

JFA endorsed IS's point, however PG advised that he had discussed this issue at length with his members and they were opposed to a pot limitation. SB advised that it would be difficult to police and the easiest way to regulate would be to have a bag limit. MS commented that any regulation would be a political issue and difficult to justify.

CLeB suggested issuing permits. SB advised that this would still be a political

issue. Constable Norman felt that there was no justification for issuing permits. IS and MS undertook to look at the matter in more detail and bring back to a future agenda.

IS/MS

3. MSC Status for Local Bass Stocks

PG presented letters forwarded from the Angling Association advocating the application for MSC status for local bass stocks. Discussion regarding the Department requesting information from recreational fisherman. DT felt that this was not feasible. GM advised that the MSC website provides all relevant information and he would pass on the website address to anyone who wished it.

GM

4. Wind Farms in Adjacent Waters

It was noted that the Chief Minister had replied to Constable Mike Jackson's letter which outlined the views of the Panel regarding potential wind farm developments in the Bay of Granville.

5. JFA Updates

DT reported on the following:

- a) Crayfish Ban
JFA do not support the female (3 months) ban. Redress this at the next JAC meeting.
- b) Minimum Size for Scallops
General support of 105mm, definite mindset about landed size.
- c) Undulate Ray Ban
Brussels are out of their depth with this matter. Situation remains the same.

6. Fish Farm Concession Applications

- a) Mr Grant Feltham – Aqua-Orchard Ltd
Farming Scallops - Rozel Bay

Grant Feltham joined the meeting and discussed with the Panel his aquaculture licence application form which had previously been circulated to the Panel members. During discussion Mr Feltham advised that he did not envisage harvesting the King Scallop at least two years but wished to personally study the habits of the existing shellfish and seaweeds. Mr Feltham left the meeting.

General discussion followed and the Panel agreed to decline the application, but to encourage Mr Feltham to put down markers for seaweed study and diving. SB undertook to write to Mr Feltham with the Panel's decision.

SB

- b) Mr Justin Surcouf – Ormer & Scallops of Jersey Ltd
Farming Oysters – Les Elevees

Justin Surcouf and Gary Whipp joined the meeting and discussed with the Panel the licence application form which had previously been circulated to the Panel members. During discussion Mr Surcouf explained their aim was to supply Genuine Jersey seed. The concessions they already have are not suitable for this and that they would be willing to give up other sites to achieve a Genuine Jersey Oyster. Messrs Surcouf and Whipp left the meeting.

General discussion followed and it was noted that the Panel wished to approve the application, however this would be subject to a site visit. SB undertook to arrange a site visit with Panel Members and to write to Mr Surcouf explaining that a decision would be made after the site visit had taken place.

SB

7. Buyers & Sellers Discussion Group

MS advised that one of the matters discussed at the meeting held on 11th January was the possibility of a new scheme to discourage the sale of unlicensed fish and also to find out how much is sold. It was noted that buying fish for domestic use would not be part of the scheme. The Panel discussed the report which had been circulated and MS recommended that the Buyers & Sellers Discussion Group should delve deeper into the logistics of such a scheme before progressing further.

MS

8. Jersey Social Survey 2010

GM advised the meeting that the 2010 Jersey Annual Social Survey report had been received.

9. Marine Park

SB circulated the Marine Natural Park brochure for the Panel's information. It was noted that the French Government is willing to contribute €2m to the project. French officials will shortly be visiting Jersey to present to some politicians the above.

Senator Norman left the meeting at 16.55

10. Fisheries Section of the Environment Department

SB outlined the changes within the Fisheries section in that Felicity Smith had retired at the end of January 2011 and he would be retiring at the end of March 2011. It was noted that the Panel thanked FS for her support over the years. SB undertook to draft a letter on the panel's behalf, for MT to sign, expressing the Panel's appreciation. DT also expressed thanks to FS on behalf of the Jersey Fishermen's Association.

SB

The Panel also extended its thanks to SB for his tremendous contribution over the last 30 years, thanking him for even handed advice on all matters.

PG expressed concern as to how well the Panel would be represented going forward, however MT stated he was confident that the new structure would settle in and grow into its role.

11. Any Other Business

SB advised that Transport & Technical Services were carrying out a review of agricultural tractors on the Island and they wished to finish the review by April. SB to circulate papers.

SB

Pot tag order forms, IS to liaise with DT.

IS/DT

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 13th April 2011, 2.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m., Committee Room, Howard Davis Farm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 17.15 p.m.

FISHERIES & MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL
(63rd Meeting)

Brief notes & action points from meeting held at Howard Davis Farm on 10th May 2011

Present: Mike Taylor – Chairman
Constable Len Norman – Assistant Minister EDD
Constable Mike Jackson – Minister T&TS
Ian Syvret representing the Jersey Inshore Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Boutillier representing Boat Owners (Northern Section)
Paul Bizec representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Peter Gosselin representing Jersey Anglers
Don Thompson representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Masurier representing Jersey Aquaculture Association
Nathalie Porritt representing Jersey merchants

In Attendance: Mike Smith – Senior Fisheries Inspector
Greg Morel – Marine & Coastal Zone Officer
Jonathan Shrives – Fisheries Officer R&D
Dot Miller - Minutes

Apologies: Willie Peggie

Action

1. Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2010 were approved, however the following was noted:

- 5. a) JFA support total ban on landing female crayfish.
- 5. b) Proposed 105mm minimum size for scallops, acceptable for Jersey if French agree.

- 9. Marine Park – JFA seek common island-wide position.

2. Memorandum of Understanding on the Conservation of Migratory Sharks

The Panel discussed the above paper, following which the Panel agreed to sign the memorandum.

3. Support for JFA Case for the employment of non Europeans as crew

?? explained to the Panel that the JFA are working closely with EDD in an attempt to find a solution to the difficulty in sourcing skilled crew. In this regard, the JFA wish to bring in a limited number of skilled crew, either under permit or licence, from non European countries.

It is envisioned that industry could use these experienced crew for approximately one year whilst at the same time encouraging and teaching local youngsters to learn the fishing trade.

?? reported that using Social Security/Advance to Work/Advertising etc. had not

been successful in trying to recruit crew.

Senator Norman suggested one option may be to bring in Portuguese fishermen.

After discussion, the Panel undertook to give its support to EDD, in the form of a letter, to make sourcing crew a priority. **MS**

4. 2010 Fisheries & Marine Annual Report (Draft)

JS reviewed and updated the Draft Annual Report for the panel. Of particular note was the increase in whelks. Spider crabs have decreased slightly, skate / ray have increased, made up by blonks.

5. 2010 Whelk Stock Assessment Trials

JS advised that Jersey wish a landing size of 50mm for whelks, however France are not keen to agree.

6. Joint Advisory Council Meeting

DT reported the following:

- a) French have landed crayfish during the three month ban.
- b) No progress with increasing scallops to 105mm.
- c) Trying to gain an understanding of Brussels' decision – no direct representation for Jersey.
- d) European size for Praires
- e) Marine Park – covered later in the agenda.
- f) Windfarms – impact on Granville Bay Treaty? Report requested on the range of impacts.

7. Legislation currently in the Drafting Process

MS advised that changes to the Fisheries Law would widen the powers of legislation. Changes in the Fisheries Law to board 'any boat'.

Funding in place for electronic log books. DT stated that there would need to be some lee-way on the timing of the implementation of electronic log books. MS advised that the process will not start as early as June, still trying to progress in the UK.

Revenue licence – DT advised that the Fishermen are looking forward to working with the department but they will not pay for a licence.

8. DEFRA review of under-ten metre and shellfish fleets

MS explained that the feedback was for information only and not for debate at today's meeting.

- Complex changes being proposed. Jersey need to decide whether to be part of this or not, is it good for the island and the fishing industry?

- Could impact on Jersey shellfish sector (allocation per boat). Juliette ? has offered to come to Jersey to explain the shellfish sector.
- Consultation ends at the end of June, this is not the deadline for Jersey to join.
- W. Peggie/MS/GM to meet with Law Officers to discuss.

9. Jersey Fishing Industry Review

DT advised that the JFA seek similar support as was given to the Agricultural Industry. A full strategic review, led by Dan Houseago, will be undertaken.

10. Proposed Marine Park

- GM advised that a draft letter of intent had been sent to Terry Le Sueur.
- Following draft letters, Jersey will express its intent.
- The Marine Park must never override the Granville Bay Treaty.
- Island Plan – this includes a national park, not a marine park, GM to check.

GM

11. Any Other Business

Letter to be sent to Simon Bossy expressing the Panel's thanks.

MT

Lobster Study – migration patterns, Electricite de France representative to come to Jersey and give a presentation.

£11.5K raised by the public for the family of the skipper of Les Marquise.

Divers released ormers from Justin Surcouf's cages.

12. Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday 6th July, 2.15 p.m. – 5.00 p.m., Committee Room, Howard Davis Farm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 4.30 p.m.

FISHERIES & MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL
(64th Meeting)

Brief notes & action points from meeting held at Howard Davis Farm on 6th July 2011

- Present: Mike Taylor – Chairman
Ian Syvret representing the Jersey Inshore Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Boutillier representing Boat Owners (Northern Section)
Paul Bizec representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Peter Gosselin representing Jersey Anglers
Don Thompson representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Masurier representing Jersey Aquaculture Association
Nathalie Porritt representing Jersey merchants
- In Attendance: Mike Smith – Marine Resources Section Leader
Jonathan Shrives – Fisheries Officer R&D
David Yettram – Fisheries Officer
Dot Miller - Minutes
- Apologies: Constable Len Norman – Assistant Minister EDD
Constable Mike Jackson – Minister T&TS
Greg Morel – Marine & Coastal Zone Officer
Paul Le Neveu – Jersey Harbours

Action

To accommodate the late arrival of some panel members, the agenda was run in the following order.

6. Sea beach week clearing at Grouville Bay

The Panel were advised that the equipment being used by T&TS to clear the seaweed was also lifting huge amounts of sand. The seaweed was then being piled in large heaps and not spread. In addition rubble was being placed on top of the heaps. PG circulated photographs of the seaweed piles. MS advised that he was due to meet with T&TS the following week and would pass on the concerns raised and report back at the next Panel meeting.

MS

1. Approval of Minutes & Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th May 2011 were approved.

2. Marking of fish caught by recreational fishermen

Clarification was given that this referred to fish caught from boats and not the shore. The Panel were advised that Jersey Anglers would not support this scheme.

PG advised that he would bring a list of concerns from Jersey Anglers to the next Panel meeting.

PG

MS to prepare a report for PG to take to the next Jersey Anglers meeting.

MS

3. **Briefing on matters discussed at meetings with UK Authorities**

a) IFCA Chief Officers Group

Island communities should have access to fish in its own waters (JFA document). Jersey boats fish on a pool of quotas, each boat should have own allocation. Reform of under 10 metre fleet. It was noted that Juliette Hatchman, DEFRA, would be visiting the Island on 27th July.

b) MMO "Tapestry"

Electronic log books discussed and agreement from MMO to look in this scheme.

c) MMO Crown Dependencies

Isle of Man not happy with their management agreement. Guernsey are close to getting their fisheries management agreement.

DT advised that the JFA had given a statement to the Guernsey Press which highlighted the need for Jersey and Guernsey to communicate. What are the implications for Jersey from the Guernsey Fisheries Management agreement. DT to formulate JFA's expectations.

Jonathan Shrives and Sophie Pickup (Internship Student) joined the meeting.

MS advised that the reporting lines for the Fisheries within the Department of the Environment had been agreed –

International matters – Willie Peggie, Director for Environment

Industry matters – Dan Houseago, Director of EMRE

Environmental issues – Tim du Feu, Director Environmental Protection.

4. **Briefing from JFA ref. meeting with Granville Bay Joint Advisory Committee**

a) Closure of Crayfish factory

Some progress made, minutes and agenda have gone before the Brussels meeting.

b) Use of Danish seines

Brittany opposed to this, however JFA not convinced this should be banned.

c) Wind farm development

Still scope for other areas to be looked at. New round of considerations over the next couple of years.

d) Log Books

Working towards 1st October 2011.

e) French marine park

Gathering information, however some form of marine park is almost a certainty.

f) Spider crab closed session

Discussion around closing the season sooner.

DT reported that overall not much had moved ahead or been agreed upon, but good insight into how fish stock quotas will be arrived at.

5. **Briefing on recent Aquaculture workshop**

The Panel were advised that a workshop had taken place on 20th June between TTS, EDD and Harbours along with representatives from several companies involved in aquaculture.

CLM stated that the biggest threat to the industry is mortality. CLM was disappointed that the States Vet had not attended to check his stock after he had reported 90% mortality the previous week, however the Panel was advised that the Vet was aware of the situation and had carried out all necessary duties. Discussion followed on what can be done to assist with a problem like this and it was agreed to invite the States Vet to attend the next Panel to meeting to advise on this matter.

CLM queries why another study of whelks was being undertaken when aquaculture is worth far more. JS advised that the whelk study was based on historical data and has no impact on the finances for aquaculture.

The French Marine Park team briefly joined the meeting and gave a presentation to the Panel.

8. **Any Other Business**

Concessions – application process

MS advised that simplification of the current process is being investigated.

9. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 22nd September 2011, Committee Room, Howard Davis Farm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.40 p.m.

FISHERIES & MARINE RESOURCES ADVISORY PANEL
(65th Meeting)

**Brief notes & action points from meeting held at Howard Davis Farm on 22nd
September 2011**

Present: Mike Taylor – Chairman
Constable Mike Jackson – Minister T&TS
Peter Gosselin representing Jersey Anglers
Trevor Le Cornu – Acting Chairman Jersey Aquaculture Association and
representing Seymour Oyster Company
Ian Syvret representing the Jersey Inshore Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Boutillier representing Boat Owners (Northern Section)

In Attendance: William Peggie – Director of Environment
Mike Smith – Marine Resources Section Leader
Greg Morel – Marine & coastal Zone Officer
Jonathan Shrives – Fisheries Officer R&D
Ashley Pinel – States Veterinary Assistant
Chantelle de Gruchy - student
Dot Miller – Minutes
Marcus Taylor - Acting Secretary Jersey Aquaculture Association and
representing JEDI and Jersey Oysters, Scallops and Ormers
Chris Le Masurier representing Jersey Oyster Company
Tony Legg representing Jersey Sea Farms
Doug Le Masiurier representing La Rocque Fisheries
Chris Gould representing Island Dived Scallops
Grant Feltham representing Aqua Orchid
David Cowburn representing Jersey Turbot and the Jersey Fishermen's
Association

Apologies: Constable Len Norman – Assistant Minister EDD

Action

1. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The Minutes from the meeting held on 22nd September 2011 were approved.

Matters Arising:

Beach Clearing – T&TS are improving the Code of Practice which once finalised will be circulated.

Fin Clipping – held over to next meeting.

2. Aquaculture Licence Conditions

MS gave overview to origin of generalised licence conditions, which address several issues such as the disposal of shellfish material and waste shell. Licences have been issued piecemeal in the past and generalised licence conditions had been issued by the Minister to create equitability and transparency.

Recommendations welcomed from Aquaculture.

TL requested clarification on licence condition 2 (importation and Fish health)) and if the department was working to 1999 Jersey regulations or the EU 2006/88 regulations

AP confirmed that working to 2006/88 and that new draft legislation was underway.

Clearer definition of EU disease free area needed

TL expressed concern over the implications the generalised licence conditions had on retention of undersize species for the purposes of aquaculture. MS reassured TL that for existing concessions, there would be no impact or alteration on sizes for species defined in the act of authorisation.

MS also confirmed that conditions were applicable from the date they are signed by the Minister and thus the generalised licence conditions were currently applicable.

3. Ostreid herpesvirus

The meeting referred to the briefing report on the Oyster Herpes-virus (OsHV-1) produced independently by Anna Dimond, which was circulated prior to the meeting. There was some suggestion of errors within the report. GM requested that panel members advise of any errors so these could be reviewed and corrected as necessary.

All

4. Local Mortalities of Pacific Oyster during 2011

New robust stock required, French working hard on this.

Abnormal mortality rate required definition – industry to consider 30%?

New legislation will encompass mortality but unknown when legislation will be passed. It is hoped that the legislation is before the States by year end or early next year.

Concerns were expressed over confidentiality of mortality reports. JS, MS and AP confirmed data would be kept confidential.

States Vet currently on holiday, on her return AP will liaise regarding this legislation and then meet with the industry.

AP

5. Scallop Concessions

Feedback welcomed regarding recommendations as to the future of such concessions.

MS – explained that a complaint had been made regarding continued use of sub tidal concessions when limited or no re-seeding of scallops had taken place.

CG- Problem has been finding suitable seed with disease free status. CG and MS (on behalf of Robert Titterington) expressed commitment to continued use of scallop concession areas, highlighting other options as on-growing dredged scallops or using locally hatched seed from sources such as JOSO Ltd. IS asked if all concession area was used and if detailed reports were produced. CG and MS confirmed yes, this was the case.

MT- Recommendation to the Minister on behalf of the Panel to continue support for sub-tidal scallop concessions

Consider importing from France – needs discussion with States Vet.

MT/
MS

6. **Setting of Shellfish Pots by Fishermen within Sub Tidal Concessions**

MS summarised concerns received by the Department over the potential exclusion of potting gear from fish farm concessions. Areas may not have been granted had this been considered an issue at time of original granting of concessions.

Marcus Taylor stated JOSO wished to maintain the status quo and expressed a desire to work with potters.

MS spoke on behalf of Robert Titterington who is also happy with the status quo.

It was noted that individuals may have difficulty in finding a map of the concessions. It was stated that a map is contained in the annual report but is difficult to read. The following should be considered:-

- Inclusion in the Notice to mariners
- Newsletter item
- Paper charts
- Information distributed with Registration document

The Department undertook to investigate options

JS

7. **Sub tidal Concession Application**

It was noted that some members of the aquaculture industry were concerned about a number of factors of this application including size and number of cages, time of year of deployment, species to be caged, potential impact on cuttlefish breeding and impact on cuttlefish potting. It was felt that Harbours may also have a view on the size of cages with respect to safe navigation through the area.

Marcus Taylor of JOSO also voiced objections to the application based on the alleged use of subtidal cages and the mortality of existing stock.

CLM addressed the meeting and explained that the purpose of the application was to find ways around oyster mortality using a trial scale initially with up to 30 cages.

- The oysters would be grown to half size within the structure then moved to an inter-tidal concession.
- The oysters would be untouched during cuttlefish season.
- Trials show that mortality is reduced but information is not conclusive.
- Flat oysters will be dived and not dredged.
- Prepared to limit use of cages for say 2 years then report back to the Panel.

CLM left the meeting.

Lengthy discussion followed and it was noted that there was strong objection to the application with respect to many of the issues previously raised. Concerns with respect to the monitoring of the project were also raised. The

Panel discussed further and agreed that the application would be delayed and consideration should be given to a industry wide project with Department assistance and the Panel would be supportive of the industry seeking funding from Economic Development to carry out a scientific study.

CLM rejoined the meeting and was advised of the Panel's decision. CLM expressed his thanks to the Panel and welcomed the possibility of a project as this would take matters in the right direction.

8. **Date of next meeting**

Thursday 16th November 2011, 2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m., Committee Room, Howard Davis Farm.

9. **Any Other Business**

Student Questionnaire - Chantelle de Gruchy would like to circulate a questionnaire for her project in Fisheries Management. JS to contact members to seek permission to give out email addresses.

JS

JAA attempting to find an independent Chairman.

Guernsey progressing licence scheme, MS, together with representatives from Chief Ministers and Law Officers meeting with Guernsey and other Channel Islands and will report pack.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 5.10 p.m.

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Peter Gosselin representing Jersey Anglers
Trevor Le Cornu representing Seymour Oyster Company
Natalie Porritt represent Jersey merchants
Paul Bizec representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Don Thompson representing Jersey Fishermen's Association
Ian Syvret representing the Jersey Inshore Fishermen's Association
Chris Le Boutillier representing Boat Owners (Northern Section)
Paul Le Neveu representing Jersey Harbours
Marcus Taylor representing Jersey Aquaculture Association

In Attendance: Mike Smith – Marine Resources Section Leader
Greg Morel – Marine & coastal Zone Officer
Jonathan Shrives – Fisheries Officer R&D
Chantelle de Gruchy – student – Online Questionnaire
Dot Miller – Minutes

Apologies: Constable Len Norman – Assistant Minister EDD
William Peggie – Director of Environment / Deputy Chief Officer
Daniel Houseago – Director EMRE
Tim du Feu – Director Environmental Protection

Action

1. Approval of Minutes and Matters Arising

The Minutes from the meeting held on 22nd September 2011 were approved.

It was noted that the following appointments have been agreed by the Jersey Aquaculture Association:

Chairman – Mike Taylor
Treasurer – John Le Seelleur
Secretary – Marcus Taylor

Matters Arising

Fin Clipping – held over to next meeting.

Aquaculture Licence Conditions – work has not yet been undertaken.

Sub Tidal Concessions – information will be sent out to Panel members.

4. Verbal Report on Sub Tidal Cages (Joint) Project from Fisheries Officer

JS gave an overview of the project. A funding request will be presented to the Rural Initiative Scheme (RIS) in December. A project manager will be appointed by the JAA, independent of Government. Fisheries Department will act as scientific partners. A further update will follow in the new year.

DT joined the meeting and confirmed that the JFA are supportive of the above project.

2. **Granville Bay Joint Advisory Committee – verbal briefing**

DT reported on the following:

NSC Accreditation

Bass Normandy and Bass Jersey to look at ongoing issues for NSC in order to keep the industry in line with accreditation.

Fisheries are prepared to host the first meeting – liaise with GM.

GM

Ray Ban

JFA continue to press for better management and measures.

Crayfish Ban

Season runs from end of January to March for all crayfish.

Control Regulations

EU legislation will impact on leisure and professional use of pot tags.

Anything set from a boat will have to have identification.

3. **Briefing on Progress of Marine Resources Strategy**

This is due to be completed by end of December and will include both leisure and commercial reviews.

MS commented that the industry has particular needs, and due to all the legal requirements, representation is needed for this.

5. **Verbal Report on Progress with Guernsey for reintroduction of a Licensing Regime in the 3 to 12 mile zone around the Island**

MS reported that Fisheries Officers met with Defra in the UK on 20th October and then had a subsequent meeting with the BFMC representatives. BFMC comprises of Guernsey, Alderney and Sark. Representatives expressed a genuine desire to work with Jersey on several matters.

MS also advised that the ministerial route to resolving this issue is closed.

Guernsey fishermen will be in Jersey on 28th November to give a presentation and hold a Q&A session. The following day the BFMC will also be meeting with M. Smith, W. Peggie, M. Entwistle (Internal Relations), A. Metcalfe (Legal Advisor).

DT stated that Jersey needs to work with Guernsey and take every opportunity to negotiate properly and reach an agreement around the table. Please consider what Jersey can offer Guernsey to help with negotiations – suggestions welcome.

All

It was noted that discussions are also taking place between Brittany and

Guernsey.

6. Verbal Report on Changes to the Licensing Scheme at National Level

MS reported that there are many things were being looked at in the UK, it is up to Jersey what it wishes to adopt – some examples are:

- Outbound engines
- Life of entitlements
- Penalty Points system – looking to introduce
- E-licensing – e.g. in Scotland it is the fishermen's responsibility to check on what the quota is. This needs to be discussed with fishermen not the Panel.

UK shellfish measures – on hold for now and will not be introduced during 2012.

Guernsey Fisheries Management Agreement ties into UK unlike Jersey.

DT requested that relevant points are made available to fishermen. MS confirmed that these will be incorporated into a newsletter which JS is producing.

MS/JS

8. Sub Tidal Concession Application

JS outlined the application from Mr Grant Feltham (GF) which had been circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that Mr Feltham already has a small concession at Seymour Tower.

GF joined the meeting and gave clarification on questions which were asked by panel members.

- The Rozel Bay concession would be self funded (£10k) for trials. Studies would include oysters, ormers and scallops, also interested in local clams.
- Seymour Oyster Co. will assist with 10,000 oysters (in 10 bags). If additional bags were requested these could be sourced.
- Cages would be 1m³ and easy to winch onto a boat.
- Ormer box would be submerged as with oysters. Intention would be to sell ormers at 3 years old at £5 per ormer.
- GF stated that if the trial became a commercial venture he would consider providing a webcam for the RBOA website.
- GF would be happy for recreational divers to dive amongst the cages, but they would need to advise him if they took any stock.
- Maximum number of cages would be 20 if this became a commercial venture.

PG enquired if it was necessary to have 3 hectares. GF advised that if it turned into a commercial venture he did not want to ask for more area at a later date.

DT advised that the JFA are vehemently opposed to the loss of anymore

ground, therefore strong justification would be needed as to how well this venture has been thought through.

GF left the meeting.

Lengthy discussion followed and although some concerns were raised it was felt that the application could not be supported as it stands, however a restricted trial may be a good idea and an offer of 1 hectare could be made.

It was noted that PG's mandate from Jersey Anglers was to object.

The Panel asked that MS conveyed its thoughts and suggestions to GF and update the Panel at the next meeting. **MS**

7. Verbal Report from Scientific Symposium, St Malo

GM advised the meeting that approximately 200 delegates attended, including the Fisheries Dept from Jersey and Société Jersiaise. Alderney was also in attendance however there was no representation from Guernsey.

Some topics covered were acoustic tagging, setting up of JAC and JMC and a marine panel.

No decision has been taken on the scale / size of the park.

MS reported that GM received an ovation after his presentation and both GM and JS 'did the Island proud'.

Panel members to let GM know if they wish a copy of the paperwork from the Symposium. **All**

9. Dates for 2010 Panel Meetings

The following dates were agreed upon:

January 25th
March 28th
June 20th
September 5th
November 28th

JS

10. Any Other Business

An Honorary Fisheries Officer has been appointed, details will be included in the newsletter referred to previously in the minutes.

JS recently spent 4 days exchange on a French fisheries protection vessel and a French officer spent time on the Normal Le Brocq which lifted 20 ends of net and led to 5 prosecutions.

GM attended a meeting in the UK of the Shellfish Association. Anyone

interested in supporting the association please advise GM and he will pass on details.

All

DT advised that 14 apprentices were currently employed at present and all was going well.

Chantelle de Gruchy thanked everyone for taking part in her questionnaire. If anyone else wishes to respond please advise.

All

MT wished everyone a happy Christmas and offered his thanks for the members' co-operation during the year.