

All Party Parliamentary Fisheries Group



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17th April, 16:30, Committee Room 9.

Attendance: Melanie Onn MP (chairing), Martin Vickers MP, Liz Saville-Roberts MP, Baroness Wilcox.

Guests: Alison Austin, Debbie Cook and Libby Woodhatch, Seafish.

1. Apologies for absence

Sheryll Murray MP, Scott Mann MP, Lord Tebbit, Angus MacNeil MP.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and approved.

3. Presentation by Seafish on their Seafood 2040 project and report

Seafish gave a comprehensive overview of their Seafood 2040 report that looked at the future aims of England's fishing industry.

They emphasised the enormous opportunities available to the UK fishing industry going forward, and pointed out some specific areas of action to give the UK a thriving and sustainable fishing industry by 2040.

In particular, they pointed towards encouraging the increase in consumption of fish commonly caught in the UK as a key opportunity in the UK fisheries market going forward as much of it is exported to other countries at the moment.

They also wanted a strategy to promote the health benefits of fish and encourage an increase of consumption from 1.15 portions per week per person to 2. In addition, they wanted to increase the use of fish in public procurement, where there was seen to be a huge opportunity.

4. Any other business

None

5. Future meeting

Tuesday 24th April, 4pm, CR20 (room subject to change):

Aaron Brown, Fishing for Leave.