

# All Party Parliamentary Fishing Group



Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Room W2.

Attendance: Sheryll Murray MP (Chairman), Peter Aldous MP, Alex Cunningham MP, David Jones MP, Danny Kinahan MP, Scott Mann MP, Liz Saville-Roberts MP, Cat Smith MP, Lord Teverson, Martin Vickers MP, Baroness Wilcox.

## 1. Chairman's welcome to the meeting

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Nick Fecher and Frankie Horn from the RNLI.

## 2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Callum Kerr MP, the Duke of Montrose, Melanie Onn MP, Albert Owen MP, Eilidh Whiteford MP, Isabel Williamson MP.

## 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and approved.

## 4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

## 5. Presentation from Nick Fecher, Community Safety Product Manager and Frankie Horne, Fishing Safety Manager, RNLI

Nick Fecher and Frankie Horne introduced the RNLI's "Respect The Water" safety campaign, launched on 18<sup>th</sup> January, played the supporting video to attendees and shared the accompanying presentation. They emphasised their increasing focus on prevention of accidents at sea as well as rescue. The under 15 metre fleet and solo skippers are a priority for the campaign. Funding is now available to improve safety and sustainable fishing in England and Scotland; Wales and Northern Ireland are slightly delayed.

The Chairman thanked them for their presentation.

## 6. Questions from members

A number of members raised issues with the speakers, including accident reporting and potential impacts on insurance premiums.

## 7. Any Other Business

There was no other business raised.

## 8. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 4pm in Committee Room 20.