

# All Party Parliamentary Fishing Group



Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 24th June 2015 in CR16.

Attendance: Maragret Ritchie MP, Calum Kerr MP, Sheryll Murray MP, Eilidh Whiteford MP, Melanie Onn MP, Craig Mackinlay MP, Roger Mullin MP and Baroness Wilcox.

## 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting. She announced that she had been contacted by Seafish and offered an update. It was agreed that this be taken up. It was also agreed that a hard copy of the notice of the next meeting be sent out.

## 2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Peter Aldous MP, Martin Vickers MP, Scott Mann MP, Sir Peter Bottomley MP and Charles Walker MP.

## 3. To agree initial work of the committee

The Minutes of the previous meeting were circulated.

## 4. To agree initial work of the committee

A number of issues were discussed including:

- Inquiry into Cod and prawns in the Irish Sea with regard Quota
- Concerns over submarine activity
- The impact of Marine Conservation Zones
- The differences in enforcement of EU legislation across member states
- A look at fish farming and its impact
- Renegotiation of the Common Fisheries Policy
- An enquiry into the discard ban
- Should the Thornback Ray have its own quota
- The lack of a mackerel quota around the Kent coast
- Jobs losses at Young's in Grimsby and Fraserborough
- Review into equal access to all the EU waters and resources

It was agreed that a letter be drafted to be sent to the Prime Minister outlining the committee's desire for renegotiation of the Common Fisheries Policy. This would be discussed at the next meeting.

It was agreed that a visit to Billingsgate Market take place and an invitation be circulated.

It was agreed that Seafish be invited to the next meeting to give an update.

## 5. Date of the next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting take place at 6pm on Wednesday 8th July 2015.