

All Party Parliamentary Fisheries Group



Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th November in Room D, 1 Parliament Street.

Attendance: Sheryll Murray MP (chairing), Peter Aldous MP, David Duguid MP, Angus Brendan MacNeil MP, Scott Mann MP, Martin Vickers MP.

Guest: George Eustice MP, Minister of State, Defra.

1. Apologies for absence

No apologies were received.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were circulated and approved.

3. Overview and discussion: December Council and Brexit

The Minister gave an overview of the key areas for discussion at the December Fisheries Council, fisheries policy post Brexit and the forthcoming Fisheries Bill. A discussion then took place, including on the 200 mile limit post Brexit, the catching of bass and the possible timetable for agreeing TACs after Brexit. The impact of electro-pulse fishing was also raised.

4. Any other business

A brief discussion also took place on the current Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Select Committee inquiry into fisheries with Nell Beecham, an official who is advising the Committee.

5. Future meetings

Tuesday 20th March, 4:15pm, Boothroyd Room, PCH:

Professor Martin Solan, Southampton University

Ian Wilson CBE, Cruising Association.

Tuesday 17th April, 4:00pm, CR7 (subject to change):

Seafish.

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

Aaron Brown, Fishing for Leave.