

## **Clyde 2020 Research Advisory Group – Membership**

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#### ***Chair - Prof Mike Heath, Dept of Mathematics and Statistics, Strathclyde University***

Having completed a PhD on cell division phasing Mike then obtained a post at the Scottish Office Marine Laboratory in Aberdeen. Initially researching and modelling migrations of herring using parasite fauna as natural tags, designed to improve stock assessments of herring. During the following years he led observational, field and modelling programmes and led a sequence of EU and NERC funded programmes. These projects were designed to advise the Scottish Government on the impacts of aquaculture nutrient release on the environment, impacts of climate change on fisheries, and latterly on human and climate impacts on indices of ecosystem status.

In 2010 he was successful in obtaining a research post at the University of Strathclyde funded by the Marine Alliance for Science and Technology Scotland MASTS. His current research interests are the mathematical and statistical modelling of fish populations and fisheries and the dynamics of ecosystems.

#### ***Dr David Bailey, Institute of Biodiversity, University of Glasgow***

##### ***Key Interests***

Ecology and physiology of marine animals, in particular the effects of climate and fishing on abundance and community structure. These studies use field-based and laboratory methods including baited cameras, trawling, in situ studies of deep-sea fish physiology and behaviour using autonomous vehicles, and mathematical modelling of animal locomotion and behaviour. Current projects are on coastal fish communities in Scotland and Egypt, scavenger ecology, deep water fish biology and conservation.

<http://www.gla.ac.uk/researchinstitutes/bahcm/staff/davidbailey/davidbailey/>

#### ***Dr B. Beukers-Stewart, University of York***

##### ***Key Interests***

Actively involved in research in the Clyde in general and around the Isle of Arran in particular. Working with students from the University of York and with the assistance of the Community of Arran Seabed Trust (COAST including monitoring the recovery of marine life inside the Lamlash no-take marine reserve. Also involved in considering how the management of the Clyde as a whole might be changed to help restore its previous diversity and productivity actively advising the Sustainable Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT) on its plans to apply for a Regulating Order for the Clyde. My primary focus with SIFT has been on advising how the scallop fishery might be better managed in future, but I have also been involved in more general work about their spatial management proposals and how the effectiveness of these might monitored into the future.

<http://www.york.ac.uk/environment/our-staff/bryce-beukers-stewart/>

***Dr Sally A. Campbell, Lamlash, Isle of Arran***

***Key interests***

- A lifelong interest in the marine environment, having worked in research, taught at university level, and run marine courses.
- Interest in plankton blooms, linkages to life-cycles and environmental conditions.
- Wider involvement in social and economic constraints within communities seeking to change working practices and establish a new vision for future opportunities.
- An interest in Scotland's seas, especially the Clyde, the developments over the past 3 years in Marine Planning, MPAs, GES and MSFD.
- Understanding the fisheries and aquaculture industries, the influence of changes in CFP, discards, research into types of trawl equipment
- Microplastics and plastics pollution, POPs and the potential marine environmental consequences.

***Kenny Coull, Scottish Fishermen's Federation***

***Key Interests***

Policy Officer at SFF since June 2011 and previous employment at Marine Scotland Science (1969 – 2011). Thorough grounding in all aspects of data collection from market sampling, observer sampling and research vessel sampling schemes, resulting in delivery of data for stock assessment purposes.

Participated on the Demersal Observer Sampling Scheme and assumed the role of Observer Programme Operations Manager in 1995 - first-hand experience. In relation to research vessel surveys - Scientist in Charge of the International Bottom Trawl Surveys, with experience in both North Sea and West of Scotland surveys. Represented Marine Scotland at the International Bottom Trawl Survey Working Group.

***Dr Scot Mathieson, Principal Conservation Policy Officer, Scottish Environment Protection Agency***

***Key Interests***

- Fellow of the Royal Society of Biology, Chartered Biologist, marine biological doctorate and highly experienced ecological advisor (25 years), particularly on the interaction between environmental regulation and nature conservation; strongly committed to protecting and improving the environment
- Developed operational procedures, policies, strategies, guidance, research and decision-support tools (e.g. APIS, [www.apis.ac.uk](http://www.apis.ac.uk)) to ensure compliance of environmental regulatory systems with nature conservation legislation
- Represented SEPA widely on working, expert advisory and steering groups and forums, including government liaison groups at Scottish, UK and European levels
- Conceived and currently working on the development of Scotland's Environment Web ([www.environment.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.environment.scotland.gov.uk)).

<http://scottishnatureboy.blogspot.com>

***Dr Tinja Miethé, Marine Laboratory, Marine Scotland Science***

***Key Interests***

Currently employed by Marine Scotland Science at the Marine Laboratory; in the Inshore Ecosystems Group as a population modeler. Work includes the development of length-based indicators for crustacean stocks, in particular length-based indicators in data-limited situations. Also involved in work to improve the MSS onshore sampling strategy for Scottish shellfish stocks. Testing probabilistic sampling designs. Gained experience in stock assessment when attending ICES working group WGNSSK to conduct assessment and forecasts for North Sea whiting in 2015. Worked at the Institute for Baltic Sea Fisheries in Rostock, Germany. Evaluated potential fisheries displacement scenarios with construction of a fixed link in the Fehmarn Belt. Also analyzed the migration of Western Baltic spring-spawning herring into the Western Baltic Sea in the relation to marine inflow events.

***Dr Beth Mouat, Joint Head of Marine Science & Technology, NAFC Marine Centre***

***Key Interests***

Responsibility for managing the Marine Science & Technology department at the NAFC Marine Centre. Also directly involved in NAFC shellfish science programme which includes stock assessments, survey work, applied research projects and management and policy advice. Direct knowledge and experience of the Clyde area and the wider region. Carried out PhD on the Nephrops fishery based at the University of Glasgow and the University Marine Biological Station at Millport. Involved with Inshore Fisheries Groups and Marine Scotland's Inshore Fisheries Management and Conservation group (IFMAC)- currently represent the NAFC Marine Centre on the Shetland Oil Terminal Environmental Advisory Group (SOTEAG). Current role as Chair of the Shetland Shellfish Management Organisation Advisory Group - collate a wide range of information relevant to fisheries management and report back to the SSMO Board with recommendations to inform management. This includes stock assessment outputs, research and survey outputs, environmental information on sensitive habitats, MSC audit support, and management advice (including the development of reference points).

***Dr Brian Quinn, Institute of Biomedical and Environmental Health Research, University of the West of Scotland***

***Key Interests***

Current research is focusing the impact of marine litter, particularly microplastics on the marine environment, using the Firth of Clyde as the sampling site. Over the last 3 years 18 undergraduate and 2 PhD students investigated various aspects of this issue including developing standardised methods for sample collection, measuring the uptake and impact of microplastics on organisms and quantifying their abundance in marine shorelines. Established the MASTS community project Scottish Microplastics Research Group (SMRG) with co-chair Dr Marie Russell from Marine Science Scotland (MSS) - trying to ensure (in close conjunction with both MSS and SEPA) that the results

generated can be used for monitoring purposes under descriptor 10 (marine litter) of the Marine Strategy Framework Directive.