Clyde 2020 - Joint Steering Group and Research Advisory Group meeting

Facilitated by the Clyde Marine Planning Partnership
26th February 2020, Premier Meetings Glasgow City Centre George Square
10:45 – 15:15

Chair	Anthony Gallagher
Steering Group Attendees	Alex McFie (FSC Millport, left after item 6), Alex Watson-Crook (AWC) (SIFT), Calum Duncan (CD) (Scottish Environment LINK), David Donnan (DD) (SNH), Elaine Whyte (EW) (CFA), Harry Wick (HW) (NIFPO, left after item 6), Howard Wood (HW) (COAST), Paul Chandler (PC) (COAST), Robert Younger (RY) (SCFF), Willie Kennedy (WK) (SSACN)
Research Advisory Group attendees	David Bailey (DB), Mike Heath (MH), Sally Campbell (SC), Tanja Miethe (TM)
Also Attending	Fiona Mills (FM) (CMPP), Lynda Blackadder (LB) (Marine Scotland, joined via VC for item 4), Madlaina Michelotti (MM) (CMPP), Sam McFarlane (SM) (CMPP), Sinead Sheridan (SS) (CMPP)
Apologies	Alastair McNeill (WCRIFG), Alex Adrian (Crown Estate Scotland), Bill Turrell (MSS), Bryce Beukers-Stewart (RAG), Ian Black (Marine Scotland), Lorraine Holdstock (Argyll and Bute Council), Mhairi Alexander (RAG), Penny Hawdon (The Scottish Salmon Company), Sandy Downie (SEPA), Scot Mathieson (RAG)

Agenda

	Item	Time	Lead
1.	Welcome and Apologies	10:45-10:50	Chair
2.	Action from last meeting	10:50-10:55	Chair
3.	CMPP Update • Development of the Plan since the last Clyde 2020 meeting • Next steps	10:55-11:05	Chair
4.	Updates: • Recent MSS scallop survey of the Clyde • Wrasse working group	11:05-11:35	Lynda Blackadder (via VC) Alex Watson-Crook
5.	Future of Clyde 2020 1. Continue Clyde 2020 as an initiative to co-ordinate parts or all of the CRMP Action Plan and support delivery of sea fisheries chapter policy, supported by RAG. This would require a change of name as we reach the year 2020.	11:35-12:20	Fiona Mills and all

	2. Continue RAG as a direct advisory body to CMPP to support delivery of parts of the CRMP Action Plan and support delivery of sea fisheries chapter policy in collaboration with partners. 3. Discontinue the Clyde 2020 Project, including RAG. CMPP manages delivery of CRMP and Action Plan in collaboration with partners.		
	Lunch	12:20-13:00	
6.	Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan – early input from group to inform project proposal (please see information on pg. 2-3)	13:00-14:00	FM
7.	Research Advisory Group update • Research and science update • Proposal – Stock-take of Clyde knowledge and understanding since 2014	14:00-14:30	Mike Heath MH and RAG
8.	Clyde 2020 event for Year of Coasts & Waters 2020	14:30-14:55	Sam McFarlane
9.	AOB	14:55-15:10	All
10.	DONM	15:10-15:15	Chair
11.	Close	15:15	

1. Welcome and Apologies

The Chair welcomed attendees and provided an overview of the agenda. Attendees introduced themselves and the Chair read out the apologies listed above. It was noted that Kenny Coull has withdrawn from the RAG due to other work commitments and time constraints; he was thanked for his contribution to the group.

2. Actions from last meeting

AG provided the following updates on the actions from the last meeting:

1. Steering Group and RAG members to feedback on Action Plan, in particular RAG members to include related PhD projects – *completed*.
2. SS to coordinate update of the research list and include links to Action Plan – *completed*. ***New actions:* (1) RAG to check links with research/publications and areas of Action Plan are correct. (2) SS will create a shared file so RAG can continuously update the research document.**
3. MM to share draft Plan with RAG members for feedback – *not completed yet, waited for CMPP Members to agree on main changes.* MM will share the Plan with the RAG so they can check the context sections before the 11th March.
4. SS to contact MSS to note points raised about communication and to find out when the report will be published and share it with Clyde 2020 – *completed.*
5. SS to enquire about proposal submission process with Glasgow Science Festival organisers – *completed and will discuss further during item 8.*
6. MM to upload meeting minutes from October 2018 to the CMPP website – *completed*.
7. CMPP staff to identify a local contact for COP 26 to identify possible opportunities for involvement – *completed, SS contacted Clyde Ready Clyde. The CMPP is considering running a fringe event alongside COP 26.*

3. CMPP update

Development of the Plan since the last Clyde 2020 meeting

SS updated attendees on plan development progress. The following key changes have been made to the Plan so far:

- The sea fisheries, aquaculture and natural heritage chapters have been redrafted based on the working group meetings that took place during October/November 2019. SS thanked everyone from the Steering Group and RAG that participated in the workshops.
- Management policies have been reframed so that most are now included as policy for decision-makers. Remaining management policies have been renamed to "Local management and marine user recommendations".
- The sea fisheries and aquaculture chapters have been amended based on the recommendations from the public dialogue sessions that were held in Glasgow, Ayr and Dunoon in November/December 2019. SS thanked MH for being involved in the public dialogue sessions as an expert witness. The results of the public dialogue work are being finalised in a report. Once the report is completed, it will be published on the CMPP website.

Next steps

These main changes were approved at the CMPP Members' meeting on the 25th February. CMPP Members will provide feedback until the 11th March. A usability workshop will take place on the 24th March. The current timetable is that final edits will be made to the Plan during April and associated assessments will also be completed before the Plan and associated assessments are approved by Members and submitted to Marine Scotland for review at the end of May. It is anticipated that the consultation will start during the autumn.

4. Updates

Scallop stock assessment

LB introduced herself via VC and apologised for not being at the meeting in person. LB gave a presentation on the scallop survey that took place during October 2019 and explained the work did not comprise a stock assessment as there is not enough data to support this. The presentation was shared with the Clyde 2020 Steering Group and RAG.

Attendees thanked LB for her presentation, congratulated Marine Scotland Science (MSS) for completing the survey and expressed an interest in assisting with any future surveys. Questions after the presentation focused on bycatch data, how the number of scallops caught compares to other areas in Scotland and historic data, and whether a full report will be published in the future. LB explained MSS is hoping to publish a full report but cannot commit to a date due to a lack of resources. LB will discuss this internally and will keep Clyde 2020 updated on any future work.

Wrasse working group

AWC provided an update on the wrasse working group which the Scottish Inshore Fisheries Trust (SIFT) facilitates. An internal review is ongoing and it is anticipated that wider public engagement will take place over the next few months. It is also expected that Scottish Government will draft statutory measures before the wrasse fishery opens in May this year. SIFT's social media campaign will continue over the next months to raise the profile of the issue. DD provided an update on the commissioned wrasse project SNH is carrying out – SNH is aiming to publish the report by the end of the financial year, not January as was noted at the last meeting. DB also highlighted that they are working with the Scottish Salmon Producers Organisation to discuss the management of this issue.

5. Future of Clyde 2020

FM reminded attendees of the discussion paper that was circulated before the previous Clyde 2020 meeting which synthesised what Clyde 2020 has achieved and provided options for the future. At the last meeting, the group expressed an interest in remaining involved with a particular focus on ecosystem enhancement. The original three options were included in the agenda, although at the last meeting, the group did not support option 3. CMPP staff would like to propose a fourth option which combines current options 1 and 2: identify specific themes from the work the CMPP needs to carry out to deliver the current Plan and to inform the next Plan. In line with this option, there would be the opportunity for the Clyde 2020 group to be part of a working group specifically looking at ecosystem enhancement. Over the next few months, CMPP staff will consider discussions on this topic whilst drafting a proposal to discuss with Clyde 2020 and the CMPP. Key discussion points are summarised below:

- Clyde 2020 has the potential to have a different role from the CMPP. Clyde 2020 is better placed to deliver ecosystem enhancement.
- Clyde 2020's progress so far was questioned and some attendees thought more should have been achieved since the Clyde Summit in 2014.
- Regardless of what the future Clyde 2020 is called, there needs to be transparent governance arrangements and a clear plan, agreed by all stakeholders, in order to make progress. Whether there is the possibility to replicate how the IFCAs work was questioned.
- The CMPP relies on scientific evidence to carry out its work, so maintaining a connection with scientific expertise was perceived to be essential. Better communication with and involvement of the RAG should be a priority.
- Obtaining resources and identifying tasks has been an issue in the past. There is a need for a group that reframes and streamlines partnership working. Business planning would allow the group to take advantage of resourcing opportunities and to identify projects accordingly.
- It was questioned whether Marine Scotland is supportive of the project moving forward.

Before breaking for lunch, FM introduced the next agenda item and explained that attendees will be split into three groups to discuss the objectives, process, outputs, challenges and involvement associated with developing the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan. This is an action identified in the CRMP draft Action Plan.

6. Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan

Group discussions were facilitated by CMPP staff. Each group summarised their discussions in plenary and shared their notes with CMPP staff who will take these ideas into consideration when drafting a proposal for the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan. CMPP staff were interested in understanding whether the current Clyde 2020 group want to be part of a working group delivering the Ecosystem Protection and Enhancement Plan – some attendees suggested that they would, but more clarity was needed on the future role of Clyde 2020. Clyde 2020 Steering Group members and the RAG questioned Clyde 2020's role in the future and how it will fit in with other ongoing work, e.g. fisheries management, implementing the Clyde Regional Marine Plan. The Chair summarised that the next steps for CMPP staff is to draft a proposal for the future structure of the CMPP and Clyde 2020 for Marine Scotland to review. Before this proposal is shared with Marine Scotland, it will be discussed further with both groups.

7. Research Advisory Group update

Research and science update

MH provided the following key updates:

- Several PhD students have started as part of the SUPER doctoral training programme. The minutes from the last meeting and the updated science list provide more detail on the ongoing PhDs. A student has been selected to start tracking salmonids in the Clyde region, in particular focusing on the Loch Lomond Special Area of Conservation, as part of the SeaMonitor Interreg project.
- The Natural Environment Research Council (NERC) and Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) have announced a new £12.4m research programme on the Sustainable Management of UK Marine Resources (SMMR) which will be delivered in partnership with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and Marine Scotland. The University of St. Andrews are the champions for the programme. A researcher and stakeholder workshop will take place in March which will facilitate the development of transdisciplinary project proposals. Six projects will be funded during the first stage. There is the potential for the Clyde to be a case study for this research programme and to involve Clyde 2020 and the CMPP. MH will be submitting a proposal for the Clyde through MASTS.

Proposal – Stock-take of Clyde knowledge and understanding since 2014

MH expressed an interest in collating new science that has been carried out since the Clyde Ecosystem Review was published in 2012, though time and resources are constraining factors. Encouraging people to participate is challenging because their work would not contribute towards publishing a high impact paper. It was suggested that if the updated report could be used to set up a grant application, it might provide an incentive for some people to contribute towards writing it. An appropriate journal also needs to be identified that would run a synthesis paper on a decade of science; Aquatic Conservation was suggested.

8. Clyde 2020 event for Year of Coasts & Waters 2020

SM provided a brief update on the Clyde 2020 event. The application to run a Clyde 2020 event during the Glasgow Science festival was successful. The event will be a free, evening reception on the 4th June, 7-9pm at the Kelvin Hall. PhD students will have the opportunity to discuss their Clyde-focused research (completed or ongoing). After these presentations, there will be a panel discussion with some members of the RAG. SM asked the RAG members to suggest PhD students that could participate in the event. SM also needs to know the exact number of RAG and Steering Group members who will be attending the event so tickets can be saved.

Action (3) – SM to email RAG members to discuss potential students and the RAG's involvement in the panel discussion.

Action (4) – Steering group members and RAG to confirm attendance to Clyde 2020 event by the 27th March.

9. AOB

CD shared that the Sea Scotland will take place on the 8th and 9th June in Glasgow and the conference theme is Ocean-Based Solutions for the Sustainable Development Goals.

10. DONM

No date has been set for the next meeting. CMPP staff will send out a doodle poll to decide the next meeting date.