

**Fisheries Management Scotland Fish Farming Committee**  
**Terms of Reference**  
**Date: 28 June 2017**



**Introduction**

The Fisheries Management Scotland [constitution](#) specifically allows committees to be formed at the discretion of the Board to carry forward specific business as may be deemed appropriate and conducive to the organisations interests. Membership may be drawn from both within and out with the membership.

**Purpose**

To inform and coordinate Fisheries Management Scotland activities relating to fish farming and to facilitate a consistent approach on interactions issues at a local level. The primary focus of the group will be on salmon farming (marine and freshwater), but farming of any fish species in open net cages will be considered within the remit of the group. In the first instance, an updated strategy, and underlying policy, on fish farming will be developed.

**Membership**

The Committee membership will comprise of at least one member of the Fisheries Management Scotland Board, relevant Fisheries Management Scotland staff, and a single representative from:

- Argyll DSFB
- Argyll Fisheries Trust
- Lochaber DSFB
- Lochaber Fisheries Trust
- Wester Ross DSFB
- Skye and Wester Ross Fisheries Trust
- Skye DSFB
- North and West DSFB
- West Sutherland Fisheries Trust
- Western Isles DSFB
- Outer Hebrides Fisheries Trust
- Ness DSFB
- Kyle of Sutherland DSFB

**Authority**

The Committee will inform and advise the Fisheries Management Scotland Board and staff on all matters relating to fish farming. The committee will have no executive function except as delegated by the Fisheries Management Scotland board.

**Meetings**

Meetings shall be held, as required, at a suitable location. Where possible, participation through tele-conference or Skype will be facilitated and as far as possible business will be conducted by correspondence.

**Communications and Confidentiality**

Minutes of the group will detail the agreed actions arising from Committee discussions. These will be circulated to Fisheries Management Scotland Board members and where necessary discussed at the full Fisheries Management Scotland Board. In some circumstances, the need for confidentiality may be justified, particularly when developing strategy and underlying policy positions. However, once developed, formal outputs of the group will be published on the Fisheries Management Scotland website.

**Resources**

Fisheries Management Scotland will organise meeting rooms and allocate staff time to developing and delivering the aquaculture strategy and policy asks.

**Duration**

The group will remain extant as long as required.