

Seabob Working Group meeting held on the January 30, 2020

Location: Ministry of Agriculture, ASDU Boardroom

- Meeting commenced at 10:24 am
- Chairperson: Mr. Randy Bumbury

In Attendance:

Randy Bumbury	Chairperson
Saskia Tull	Co-Chair SWG
Dawn Maison	MSC Project Coordinator
Desha Husbands	Fisheries Department
Mikhail Amsterdam	Fisheries Department
Sopheia Edghill	World Wildlife Fund Representative
Timothy Kenrick	PcWhirl

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Kadeem Jacobs	Fisheries Department
Terrence Browne	Fisheries Department
Corwin D'Anjou	Fisheries Department
Brentnol Gibbs	Pritipaul Singh Investments
Mahendra Ram	Gopie Investment

Absent

Leonard Jetto	Artisanal Sector- Representative
Kevin Rasiwan	K&B Enterprise
Devendra Dudnauth	Noble House Seafood's Ltd.

This meeting was postponed due to not having a quorum. There were no representatives from the Fishing companies. Minutes for the previous meeting was not available also. Discussion on the upcoming activities were done.

Work plan for MSC

Fisheries Department to update the ETP species report for 2019.

Condition 5: PI3.2.3 (c): MSC mechanisms ensure the management measures in the fishery are enforced and complied with: evidence of compliance

- Fisheries Department to make available the Legal and Inspectorate annual report on Monitoring Control and Surveillance activities.

Condition 6 – PI3.2.4 (b): there is effective and timely review of the fishery-specific management system: internal and/or external review

- Fisheries Department to approach CRFM to have the External review of the seabob management plan. Miss Maison is in conversation with the British High Commission and Cefas to have the Seabob and General Fisheries Management Plan updated and revised.

8 Fathom Line

- The Chair stated that he received co-ordinates from Noble House Seafoods and Pritipaul Singh Investments Inc. but did not receive any co-ordinates from Gopie Investments. He further highlighted that the final deadline for submission of co-ordinates was the January 10, 2020. A letter will be prepared and sent out.
- The Chair further indicated that a quotation will be submitted by MARAD highlighting the need for fuel. He specified that currently he had received co-ordinates from two companies which was sent from the Fisheries Department to MARAD, after receiving the letter

MARAD will send a quotation indicating the fuel allotted per co-ordinates and will take one month to complete the exercise.

FISH4ACP Project

- FISH4ACP project to benefit the Seabob Fishery-the Project “Sustainable Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture Value Chains in ACP Countries” is a five-year European Union-funded programme launched in January 2020. FISH4ACP aims to i) improve stakeholders’ understanding of the functioning of the value chain and support them in developing specific improvement strategies; ii) increase micro, small and medium-sized enterprises’ (MSMEs) economic performance through strengthened market access and conducive business and regulatory environments; iii) improve the inclusiveness and the social sustainability at the different stages within the value chain; iv) enhance the environmental sustainability of selected value chains through improved management of natural resources and increased consideration for climate change; and v) facilitate MSMEs’ access to additional sources of finance and investment.

Sea Recording

- Mr. Kenrick indicated that he is happy and ready to work with the SWG to begin the project on recording the seabed. The Chair highlighted that due to there not being a quorum, that this item will be furthered in the next meeting as the industry stands to benefit immensely from such a project.

Submitted by

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