

Seafood Ethics Common Language Group

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Terms of Reference

- The aim of the Seafood Ethics Common Language Group is to establish a common understanding of ethical issues impacting on the seafood supply chain, to communicate the work currently going on to address them, and agree a clear agenda for future action.
- The value of this group is in initiating and facilitating discussion between parties sharing a common interest in ethical issues across the seafood supply chain.
- This group will address social welfare issues that impact on the UK seafood supply chain, whether in the UK or concerning seafood imported into the UK, relating to human trafficking, labour abuses, child labour, debt bondage, forced labour, migrant workers, and slavery.
- Participants at a Seafood Ethics Common Language Group meeting should be representative of all relevant interests across the whole UK seafood supply chain including: retailers, foodservice, processors, environmental non-governmental organisations, development organisations and charities and the catching sector.
- The target audience for group communications should include fish buyers, retailers, the foodservice sector, and legislators. Communications for the media and consumers will be developed as part of the action plan for the group.
- The Sea Fish Industry Authority (Seafish) will facilitate and provide the secretariat for the group. The group will be chaired by an industry representative. The group will meet at least twice a year. Meetings will be conducted under Chatham House Rules. This is taken to mean: listing all those who attended the meeting; making notes on the comments made at the meeting but not attributing the comments made; making the minutes and action points publicly available. Attendees at the meetings will have the opportunity to review and comment on the draft minutes prior to publication.
- To support the group Seafish will facilitate a flow of information and maintain a Seafood Ethics Common Language Group web page.
- Seafish will develop an action plan in conjunction with the group and undertake specific activities to deliver an action plan. Seafish will work collaboratively with members of the group and other organisations involved in this issue to deliver an action plan.
- Seafish may set up smaller, focussed working groups to work on specific areas of work.

Sea Fish Industry Authority - Industry Meeting Disclaimer Statement

The Sea Fish Industry Authority (“**Seafish**”) has facilitated this meeting for the purpose of convening the Seafood Ethics Common Language Group. Discussions at this meeting should be conducted in accordance with the Discussion Guidelines, which have been provided to attendees in advance of this meeting.

[The attendees acknowledge that the role of Seafish is to act as a neutral facilitator of discussions. Seafish does not take ownership of, or responsibility for, any individual or collective decision that may be made and/or agreed between attendees of this meeting.] Unless expressly confirmed by Seafish in writing, any decision made as a result of the discussions at this meeting is not condoned or agreed to by Seafish.

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