

Seafish Discard Action Group (DAG) Terms of Reference

- The Group acts as an 'issue forum' playing a pivotal role in mediating a common approach to discard issues affecting the whole seafood supply chain. It is the only cross-industry group solely addressing the issue of discards.
- The aim of the DAG is to improve understanding of the phenomenon of discarding; to explore the means by which discarding can be reduced to the minimum level practicable; to develop action plans to accelerate developments in specified areas; and to act as a hub to provide factual information that is both accessible and understandable.
- The Discard Action Group (DAG) is autonomous, however its activities are reported to the Seafish-facilitated Common Language Group. Seafish provides the secretariat for the DAG. All information produced by the group should be placed in the public domain.
- The DAG will typically meet three to four times per year to share information and monitor progress of activities. The participants will determine how often the group should meet based on current need and will also monitor the continuing role and effectiveness of the activities of the group.
- Participants at DAG meetings should be representative of all relevant interests across the UK seafood supply chain:
 - the catching sector
 - the whole UK seafood supply chain
 - non-governmental organisations
 - legislators
 - regulators
 - technologists and scientists
 - other bodies pursuing this goaland, where appropriate, the media.
- The DAG should help each sector to understand the perspectives of others and build consensus on issues relating to discarding.
- The DAG should define and promote best practice in discard reduction.
- The DAG should look for novel ways of incentivising the adoption of best practice.
- The DAG should inform its participants and the wider community of new developments on an international, as well as national basis, acknowledging the fact we can learn from best practice from around the world.
- The DAG should maintain a webpage, making current information on the topic and all the meeting minutes available.

Sea Fish Industry Authority - Industry Meeting Disclaimer Statement

The Sea Fish Industry Authority (“**Seafish**”) has facilitated this meeting for the purpose of convening the Discard Action 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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