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Meeting Objectives

- To develop a shared understanding of the draft Terms of Reference and provide an opportunity for further discussion regarding the approach
- To review the need, nature and scope of potential facilitation for the AMAC
- To engage in a discussion and provide initial advice regarding the development of Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plans for marine finfish



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AMAC Draft Terms of Reference

- The draft Terms of Reference were developed based on significant dialogue with the various interests, as well as a review of other DFO fisheries advisory processes
- The overall aim is to build a process that is sustainable, will meet the needs and interests of DFO and the participants, and help inform our management approach
- Today's meeting is an opportunity for further discussion before finalizing the Terms of Reference over the coming weeks



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AMAC Draft Terms of Reference

It is envisioned AMACs will:

- Create a common information base;
- Develop shared understanding between the participants;
- Improve transparency in decision-making;
- Bring together a range of interests to support a dialogue, as well as coordinated input and advice;
- Inform the development of IMAPs; and
- Provide a vehicle for engagement on a range of issues (e.g., policy, science, management approaches)



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AMAC Draft Terms of Reference

The current draft Terms of Reference:

- Outlines the purpose, goals and objectives of the AMAC;
- Sets out the proposed guiding principles for the process;
- Describes the proposed membership (Committee Composition), including the process for appointments and potential selection of a facilitator; and
- Outlines the proposed roles and responsibilities for the participants (including DFO).



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AMAC Draft Terms of Reference Discussion Questions

- Do you feel the current draft Terms of Reference will provide the basis for an effective process?
- Will the approach enable the Committee to work together in developing recommendations and advice?
- How might the process be improved to better meet the needs of the participants?
- Do you have any specific recommendations related to the draft Terms of Reference?



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Facilitator Draft Statement of Work

- The draft Terms of Reference outlines a range of options in terms of facilitation (independent facilitator, Committee member, DFO staff)
- How meetings are managed will be an important factor in determining the success of the committee
- Different approaches have been successful in other DFO advisory processes
- We would appreciate the advice of the Committee in terms of the best approach, including selection criteria



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Facilitator Statement of Work Guiding Questions

- Does the committee require a dedicated facilitator?
- Should the facilitator be independent, a DFO staff member or someone appointed from the Committee?
- Does the draft Statement of Work adequately capture the requirements, roles, and responsibilities as envisioned by the Committee?



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Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plan

- DFO is committed to the development of Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plans (IMAPs)
- Similar to IFMPs, these plans will be designed to guide DFO's management of aquaculture in Pacific Region
- Plans will be grounded in DFO's policy and management framework for aquaculture and include specific management issues, objectives and approaches informed by consultation and engagement with First Nations, the AMAC process, and other considerations (e.g. science)



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Marine Finfish Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plan

- Preliminary draft IMAPs for finfish and shellfish were developed and posted for discussion in October 2011
- We have received some early feedback on the approach (e.g. community sessions with First Nations).
- DFO is now looking for more focused advice from the AMAC to guide our approach.
- As with IFMPs, some aspects of the plan will be relatively constant (e.g. policy) while others will be revised over time based on science, consultation, advice, new information, etc.



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Potential Outline for Marine Finfish Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plan

1. Introduction
2. Section Overview and Context
3. Policy Framework
4. Science
5. Economic, Social and Cultural Importance
- 6. Management Issues, Objectives and Approaches***
7. Shared Stewardship Arrangements and Engagement
8. Reporting, Compliance, Inspection and Enforcement
9. Performance Review



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Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plan

- The current plan is to develop a revised draft IMAP for consideration by senior management in late Fall 2013
- We anticipate IMAPs could be revised on an ongoing basis, with flexibility in the planning cycle.
- A potential meeting schedule (cycle) for AMAC could involve two (2) in-person meetings annually with the option of convening the Committee by conference call or other means, as required.
- Other tools for engagement could include bilateral meetings, technical committees, or working groups.



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Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plan Discussion Questions

- What do you think of the proposed format for IMAP?
- Will this be a good vehicle for providing input and advice to DFO? What about communicating out to stakeholders and the public?
- Are the process and timeline workable from your perspective?
- How could it be modified / improved?