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## **FISH EXPERT PANEL – MINUTES FROM FIRST MEETING** Wednesday 29 April 2020

**Meeting opened:** 10.00am

**Present:** Juliet Gerrard (co-Chair), Craig Ellison (co-Chair), Chris Cornelisen, Livia Esterhazy, Rosemary Hurst, Andrew Jeffs, Anaru Luke, Mike Plank, Dion Tuuta, Maren Wellenreuther, Celia Cunningham, George Slim

**Apologies:** Raewyn Peart

**Introductory remarks from the Chairs and introductions from panel members.** Fisheries project was specifically requested by PM. Minister Hon Nash very positive about long term science focus. Members introduced themselves and their expertise, and enthusiasm for the topic. Project relies on expertise both from our panel and our wider reference group which has open membership.

**Wider reference group.** This group is comprised of all who were nominated or volunteered and we welcome further nominations.

**Timing of the process.** Timing is pushed back by around a month due to CoVID-19, project to be delivered before election and we will probably have to work remotely.

**Communications and project Dropbox.** Communication as project progresses best achieved via Celia and via Dropbox (link to be circulated).

**'Post-it note' filming.** Possibility of filming by Shirley Horrocks as part of a documentary series on science advice, although this may be sidelined by the current situation. May ask to interview some panel members or film part of meeting. Please let Celia know if there are any objections.

**Values discussion.** Discussion of values led by CE and resonated with the group, with modification. Importance of respecting ecosystem as a whole and embracing and respecting different ways of knowing, importance of being ambitious, passionate and effective guardians.

**Project title.** Suggestion it could be more aspirational. Intention is to finalise the title at the end of the report drafting to best reflect content.

**Vision.** Our vision for 2040 will challenge and inspire but still be grounded in the practicalities of implementation.

**Research questions.** The panel were united in a desire to make the research questions more ambitious – not just identifying knowledge gaps, but how to fill them. Specific meaning of words used in the sector (such as ‘abundance’, ‘sustainability’) and their definitions in different contexts needs to be born in mind. We also need to respect privacy conventions.

There was also a discussion on the need to respect the relationship between the land and the sea and the difficulties presented by different regulators – this will be on edge of our scope.

**Subsequent meetings.** Wednesday 27 May 20 will go ahead by Zoom. Additional meeting likely needed – to confirm following May meeting.

**Actions arising.**

Action item	Responsibility	Status
Update drafted Scope	Celia	Complete
Dropbox link shared with panel	Celia	Complete
Review and comment on updated draft scope	Panel	Complete by 13 May 2020
Follow up on PCE estuary report	Celia	Underway

**Meeting closed: 11:30am**