

**Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue
Steering Committee Meeting
March 23-25, 2010
Washington DC**

MEETING SUMMARY

Meeting Background

The Steering Committee of the Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue met for two and a half days in Washington DC on March 23rd-25th, 2010. The purpose of the meeting was to move forward the process of developing draft environmental and social standards for salmon farming. The Steering Committee sought to develop a clear plan for releasing draft standards, and a common understanding of the elements of that draft. The Steering Committee also sought to confirm an overall roadmap for completing the Dialogue.

Key meeting outputs

Outputs from the meeting included:

- An approach for building agreement around the tough issues of the Dialogue
- A plan for releasing draft standards during the first half of 2010 and completing the Dialogue by the end of the year.
- Specific ideas for draft standards around a handful of issues
- Technical input from experts on disease issues and benthic issues

Meeting participants

Steering Committee members

Jay Ritchlin

Trygve Berg Lea

Petter Arnesen

Kjell Maroni

Andrea Kavanagh

Jose Villalon

Hernan Frigolett

Rodrigo Infante – joined via video link

Mary Ellen Walling – joined via video link

Support

Katherine Bostick – Dialogue coordinator

David Plumb - facilitator

Corey Peet – joined some conversations

Dr. Kenneth Black– joined some conversations

Dr. Pia Kupka Hansen– joined some conversations

Dr. Craig Stephen– joined some conversations

Dr. Martin Krkosek– joined some conversations

Next steps

The Steering Committee sketched out a plan to develop standards by the end of 2010. The plan includes releasing a first draft of standards during the first half of the year. The draft will represent a first set of ideas and will likely include areas in which the Steering Committee seeks public input to help it decide between different approaches. A 60-day public comment period will follow the release of the draft. The Steering Committee will then review the feedback and release a second draft, launching a second public comment period. The Steering Committee will review and react to the additional feedback and release a final set of standards by the end of the year.

The Steering Committee expects to hold public meetings and conduct targeted outreach throughout the year. The next public Dialogue meeting will be May 12-13, 2010 in Puerto Montt, Chile to discuss a report by the Social Working Group and draft social standards. The SAD expects to hold another public Dialogue meeting later in the year to discuss the full suite of draft environmental and social standards.