

Salmon Aquaculture Stakeholder Dialogue

Final Draft Goals and Objectives

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Goals

Develop and implement verifiable environmental and social performance levels that measurably reduce or eliminate key impacts of salmon farming and are acceptable to stakeholders. Recommend standards that achieve these performance levels while permitting the salmon farming industry to remain economically viable.

Objectives (in sequence)

1. Create a forum to identify and share information about the environmental, economic and social impacts of salmon farming and to address and resolve these issues;
2. Ensure open and transparent dissemination of information between the stakeholders participating in the Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue;
3. Agree on key areas of impacts of salmon farming;
4. Establish priorities for solution-oriented research and technological innovation that support economically viable aquaculture within an environmentally sustainable framework;
5. Create a data base of current salmon farming information, related to the priorities mentioned above;
6. Document and analyse environmental and social BMPs (Better Management Practices) and their cost and benefits to salmon farming, the environment and society;
7. Obtain funding for un-funded and emerging research priorities;
8. Agree on principles, criteria, and performance-based, measurable and verifiable standards for environmentally, socially, and economically sustainable salmon farming based on the research and standard-setting process;
9. Disseminate findings to all stakeholders;
10. All stakeholders commit to support and encourage use of BMPs to achieve performance levels;
11. Producers commit to implement BMPs to achieve performance levels;
12. Integrate findings into BMP-based codes of conduct and certification programs.

To achieve these objectives, the participants in the Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue agree to:

- Maintain open, honest, and respectful communications;
- Acknowledge that industry, NGOs and other stakeholders will continue their work while the Dialogue is on-going;
- Honour differences in experiences;
- Challenge assumptions and foster understanding;
- Set up a steering committee, technical working groups, and other advisory groups as needed that reflect the interests of the range of interested stakeholders;
- Agree to the procedures for interaction between the Dialogue, the steering committee, technical working groups, advisory committees and the public at large;
- Agree to strategy and content for external communications about the Dialogue, to be adopted by the steering committee;
- Commission preliminary expert reviews on the identified key impact areas, to be completed using terms of reference (TORs) and researchers agreed upon by the steering committee, designed to inform the Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue as to the state of information on each impact area;
- Review proposed project concepts for Salmon Aquaculture Dialogue activities before they are presented to potential funding sources or researchers;
- Agree to terms of reference (TORs) for agreed upon research priorities;
- Identify researchers acceptable to the group, and support work by said researchers that meet the TORs, and accept outcomes of the research;
- Inform and include, when possible, other committed parties in the Dialogue; and,
- Respect the implementation of local or regional efforts that exceed Dialogue standards.