

Setting the stage for mussel research in the north Atlantic region

Agenda for the first NAEMO workshop, Oban 2019-10-30, Corran Halls, 54 Corran Esplanade, McCaig suite.

9.00 Introduction to network formation and participant presentations

9.30 Develop a joint knowledge platform for existing information about mussel status and population trends (10 minutes per presentation + 5 min questions)

9.30 Åsa Strand How can we manage changing blue mussel populations – the importance of definitions and long-term monitoring

9.45 Tore Strohmeier Observations and monitoring the possible disappearance of local blue mussel populations in Norway – mussels on the move?

10.00 Ane T. Laugen Threats to blue mussels – a European risk analysis

10.15 Nathan King Climate change and its impact on shellfish distribution

10.30 Coffee break (annex of the main room)

10.50 Continued presentations (10 minutes per presentation + 5 min questions)

10.50 Thomas Adams Introduction to larval modelling in Scottish coastal waters

11.05 Carter Newell Optimization of seed collection for mussel aquaculture

11.20 Alessandro Laudicella

Understanding the physiological needs of mussels to enhance hatchery production

11.35 Henrice Jansen Kompro – large research program on sustainable mussels aquaculture in the Netherlands

11.50 Llucia Mascorda Cabre

Oceanographic and ecological interactions with an offshore, long-line mussel farm

12.05-13 Lunch (free of charge for registered participants), Café bar, Corran halls

13.00 Identify knowledge gaps related to management of blue mussels and identify potential areas of collaboration (opportunities, constraints, collaboration/research ideas – group discussions), Julie Webb

14.00 Summarize group exercise

14.15 Coffee (annex of the main room)

14.45 Determine the specific objectives for NAEMO (groups + word cloud + discussion), Åsa Strand

15.30 Plenary discussion (Chaired by Åsa, Julie and Alessandro)

Discussion about how to formalize/continue the network (another meeting?), discuss funding options for maintaining the network, communication, clustering with other initiatives and more.

16.30-18.00 Networking session with refreshments

19.00 Joint dinner at one's own expense (£25 excluding drinks), BAAB Meze and Grill, Station Rd, Oban