

## ADO Update – FLAG Meeting February 2019

- **Aquaculture Film;** There is an Aquaculture Film planned to show Industry activity in the region, highlight career paths into the sector as well as the availability of training. Dates are currently being discussed for filming. This will hopefully include deployment of seeded seaweed long-lines and a local oyster farm.
- **Aquaculture Park;** A meeting has been scheduled with a local stakeholder to discuss the extent of aquaculture opportunities available.
- **Virtual HUB & Cefas Marine Aquaculture Mapping Project;** The Local Development Strategy (LDS) includes the proposal to establish a ‘Virtual Hub’ – which is envisaged as being an aquaculture information service to complement existing resources. Discussions have been held with Cefas about incorporating the aquaculture mapping project output as a central role of the Hub. Quotes for a Virtual Hub are currently being sought.
- **Seaweed Cultivation;** It is hoped that seeded ropes will be deployed in March 2019.
- **High Potential Opportunity;** The region has been awarded an HPO which is a mechanism whereby the Aquaculture sector within the region will be highlighted and promoted to attract inward investment. The HPO was launched earlier in February 2019 with an event at KMC. Final drafts for review are expected in the next two to three weeks.
- **Seafood 2040 Strategic Framework (SF2040);** An English strategy with an Aquaculture Leadership Group (ALG) through which increasing aquaculture production is highlighted as a priority. In recognition of DCF’s commitment to increasing aquaculture production, DCF through the ADO role has been appointed as a core ALG Member. The ADO attended the ALG’s meeting in January 2019.
- **Shellfish Purification Training;** A local shellfish farm has approached the Southern Shellfish Training Centre (SSTC), a Seafish Approved Training Provider, about the possible provision of a locally delivered shellfish purification training course. Plans for this course will be developed over the next month.