



## ADO Update – FLAG Meeting 19 February 2019

- **Project SWEEP** - DCF through the ADO has supported a collaborative project proposal under South West Partnership for Environment and Economic Prosperity (SWEEP). The project entitled 'Water quality management underpinning sustainable aquaculture and its expansion in SW England' has now been approved and funded. The ADO has met with the lead researcher at Exeter University to help develop case studies for this project.
- **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.
- **Aquaculture Park** - A meeting has been held with a local stakeholder to discuss the extent of aquaculture opportunities available. The ADO has made efforts to try and find another business to take on the shore-based site at Balaclava Bay. The Aquaculture Park concept is also being discussed with other ports to see if a multi-port case study can be developed.
- **Virtual HUB & Cefas Marine Aquaculture Mapping Project** - A full application has now been made for FLAG funding to develop and run an Aquaculture Virtual Hub together for a 5-year period.
- **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 within the next two weeks.
- **Seafood 2040 Strategic Framework (SF2040)**; Support work for the Aquaculture Leadership Group (ALG) is ongoing.
- **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 shortly.
- **Other work** -
  - Telephone conference with the MMO about the Southern Marine Plan.
  - Meeting held with an Industrial Postdoctoral Research Fellow at Exeter University. The meeting held was to discuss the Sustainable Aquaculture Futures Centre and the development of aquaculture in the south west, including projects ongoing in the area, the opportunities and the challenges the industry face, and how the centre can help support the work of the industry.
  - The ADO has been invited to present at the next Seafish Aquaculture Common Issues Group meeting in April regarding the innovative work ongoing in the FLAG area to develop aquaculture.