

**Shrimp Aquaculture Dialogue
Global Steering Committee
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Key Outcomes

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- Mathew Parr - IUCN NL
- Michael Bowen - Belize Aquaculture Limited
- Leo Van Mulekom - Oxfam NOVIB
- Eric Bernard - WWF
- Merrick Hoben - CBI facilitator
- Corey Peet - independent consultant

Meeting Goals and Outcomes

The GSC met for the fourth time in 2009 in order to discuss and revise draft standards as package; review and deliberate on WFC research results and recommendations; refine outreach plans in key stakeholder sectors and regions; and clarify the GSC work plan, milestones, and allocation of resources moving forward.

The GSC was successful in *significantly advancing* { developing further} the development of draft standards for each principle area with clear rationale and outstanding issues identified. It was also able to refine its {outreach to} stakeholder *engagement approach*; as well as revise its work plan through to completion of ShAD process with clear milestones and deadlines.

The follows topics were addressed.

Clarifying the Roadmap

The GSC took stock of the road map ahead prior to working through the draft standards document, which was the central focus of discussion. It was clear that while tremendous progress has been made since coming together face to face only five months ago, the norming of the group's work style and decision-making has taken time to

develop. The GSC is at full stride now, with a significant workload divided among leadership groups in each Principle area. These groups are at different degrees of progress in terms of developing draft standards. All have plans to complete their work up to the first comment period, described below. Leadership Group composition, in some cases will make shifts in order to accelerate progress.

Timeline

It was agreed to begin the first public comment on February 15, 2010. This means all leadership groups will need to complete their own internal work addressing outstanding issues and gaps in draft standards development by January 15, 2010 or earlier. Working forward from the first comment period to the conclusion of the process will require circa 8 months, meaning finalizing the standards will occur no earlier than October 1, 2010.

New GSC members

The GSC benefited for the first time from face to face participation from 2 of 3 of its new members: Michael Bowen - Belize Aquaculture Limited; and Leo Van Mulekom – Oxfam NOVIB. Hector Corales –Granjas Marinas could not attend the meeting but has made significant contributions already with respect to strengthening the Latin American producer perspective on the GSC. All three have recently brought important perspectives to the process that help fill key gaps in the multi-stakeholder process.

Outreach Updates

The GSC was updated on ongoing outreach efforts on the part of GSC members and recent engagements of the ShAD coordination team. Several protocols were agreed upon, including the need to keep a separate record of outreach efforts in the history document, separate from the public comment period; and the need to confirm appropriate ISEAL protocol. Details follow on key regional efforts.

Philippines: GSC Member Jack Morales is working closely with a NGO run shrimp hatchery to conduct outreach 27-30 November.

Bangladesh: GSC Member S. Jahangir Hasan Masum has started outreach in Bangladesh. Local siting and social issues are particularly informative in this regard. Note, the GSC may need to expand the number of districts where the outreach is conducted in order to address community group concerns. This choice is up to Masum and depends on the allocated budget and how potential engagement with MAP / FPP in Bangladesh proceeds (see below).

China: ShAD consultant Corey Peet attended the Qingdao Seafood Show in late mid November to develop contacts with Chinese Shrimp producers. The experience showed the need to hone how the GSC articulates the ShAD process in ways that are easily

understood and spark interest. Future outreach in China will be challenging due to government controls.

Ecuador: ShAD Coordinator Eric and consultant Corey Peet attended the Guayaquil Seafood Show in late October. This was important to increasing in Latin America engagement and to inform stakeholders about GSC progress.

Thailand: GSC members carried out two outreach Thailand trips prior the GSC meeting. One was a local farming cooperative, organized by NACA. The other was with CP, the largest producer in Thailand. Both engagements showed the need to adjust the standards to Asian realities. To reach small farmers it will be important to work through organized governance structure in order to have meaningful uptake of the standards.

WFC Research Report, Proposed Community Social Standards & Next Steps

Mike Phillips of World Fish Centre (WFC) presented the phase 1 & 2 outcomes, preliminary ideas regarding draft community standards, and next steps for completion of its WWF contract. While WFC's work is not complete, the preliminary presentation was beneficial in helping the GSC realize *it needs to take on further ownership of community standards development, complete its own due diligence, as well as lead on community engagement efforts.*

The GSC appreciated of WFC efforts under a tight timeline and limited budget with respect to the scale of the task. The GSC sees WFC work as significant contribution to helping *conduct due diligence* on social standards development. Going forward, the GSC would like WFC to fill the gaps in *its engagement efforts* using GSC contacts in Latin America. They would also like to see WFC conduct follow up with stakeholders to ground truth its recommendations on standards development. Furthermore, the GSC sees WFC playing a potential technical resource role in engaging FPP / MAP given they are *perceived as mutually credible*. {credible to both parties}

Standards Development Progress and Next Steps

The GSC reviewed progress on standards development in all principle areas. Each area is being negotiated as a package of criteria, indicators and standards. Overall the draft consolidated standards document has seen major development since Paris, with some outstanding gaps. During the Bangkok meeting, major revisions and comments were made in all areas, through both large group feedback and small group work. Detailed notes were taken the single text document to help track ongoing issues, improvements, and outstanding issues that need work.

The key outcome of this discussion was greater clarity about the remaining work of each leadership group and its work plan to completion. Several webex conference calls will need to be planned to receive updates and discuss changes in December and January.

Several pending tasks are common to all groups:

- Addressing outstanding issues
- Completing the rationales for each principle area (see P3 as model)
- Completing any additional due diligence on cross cutting / milestone issues to establish personal comfort with going to public comment by Feb 15.

Formatting

The GSC recommends changing the formatting of standard development to 1) collate draft criteria, indicators and standards; and 2) integrate the specific explanations for how and why key issues have been addressed by criteria. Both changes are intended to maximize the readability of the draft standards document.