Freshwater Trout Aquaculture Dialogue SC Meeting September 9-10, 2010

Meeting Summary

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Meeting Background

The Steering Committee (SC) of the Freshwater Trout Aquaculture Dialogue (FTAD) met September 9-10, 2010 in Verona, Italy to advance the development of standards for responsible freshwater trout production and respond to the comments received during the FTAD Dialogue meeting held in Verona 7-8 September.

The outcomes of the meeting were:

- Reviewed draft standards and common understanding about the feedback received during the Verona Dialogue meeting and the comments posted online.
- Revisions made to the draft standards based on feedback and SC deliberation.
- Roadmap and workplan developed for completing the standards, including time management and budget planning.

Participants:

SC Members:

Sian Morgan - FishWise Niels Alsted - Biomar Margreet Van Vilsteren – North Sea Foundation David Bassett – British Trout Association/FEAP Merrielle Macloed – WWF US Marco Saroglia - Università dell'Insubria Yavuz Papila – LIMAN Rene Benguerel – Blue You

FTAD Coordinator:

Christoph Mathiesen – WWF Denmark

Facilitator:

David Plumb – Consensus Building Institute

Key Points Summary, By Discussion Area

Developing Draft Standards

During the two day meeting the SC was responding to the comments given by the participants in the Dialogue meeting (7-8 September). The SC is expecting to receive further review comments received during the first public comment period (27 July – 4 October) and respond to these.

Prior to the SC meeting in Verona, the SC members have worked in pairs and as whole group on conference calls to finalize draft standards for the first public comment period. The draft standards were developed on the basis of discussions in SC conference calls during June and July 2010 and on basis of input from technical advisors.

SC Composition

The SC was discussing whether to invite a producer representative to join the SC. A tentative list of potential candidates has been developed.

Next Steps

The SC members are continuing to work closely in pairs and as a group to develop draft standards for second public comment period commencing by the end of 2010. This work will include further input from technical advisors on key issues. The SC expects to meet regularly on conference calls during October, November and December 2010 to discuss and revise draft standards. No further public Dialogue meetings are scheduled but the SC will continue to conduct targeted outreach throughout the year and the first quarter of 2011 to ensure continuous feedback on the FTAD process. The SC is considering meeting in person during the 4th quarter of 2010, but no final decision has been made regarding this. Final standards are expected by March 2011.