# Freshwater Trout Aquaculture Dialogue SC Meeting January 18-20, 2011 Meeting Summary

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# **Meeting Background**

The Steering Committee (SC) of the Freshwater Trout Aquaculture Dialogue (FTAD) met January 18-20, 2011 in Paris, France to advance the development of standards for responsible freshwater trout production and revise the draft standards document based on comments received during public comment period in July 27 –October 4, 2010.

The outcomes of the meeting were:

- Key revisions of the draft standards with the goal of having a revised draft ready for the second public comment period 4-6 weeks after the SC meeting.
- Agreement on a roadmap and work plan for completing the standards with specific steps and milestones.

## **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

**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 undertook problem-solving conversations around key issues that were identified through the first public comment period (27 July- 4 October, 2010) and in the full Dialogue meeting, that was held in Verona 7-8 September. Prior to the SC meeting in Paris, SC members had worked in pairs and as a whole group on conference calls to revise the first draft standards. The SC has also solicited advice from trout farming experts and consultants identified by SC. Experts were also invited to contribute during the SC meeting in Paris 18-20<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

## **SC Composition**

Due to urgent business obligations, the SC member Rene Benguerel from BlueYou Consultancies, has decided to withdraw from the FTAD SC as of December 2010. Given that the FTAD SC expects to complete the standards by April/May 2011, the SC has decided not to look for potential candidates that could replace Rene Benguerel.

# **Next Steps**

The SC members are continuing to work closely in pairs and as a group to release a second draft of the standards for a public comment period that is expected to start in March 2011. This work will include further input from technical advisors on key issues. The SC expects that the second public comment period will last approximately one month. The SC will publicly release all comments received and develop final standards based on the input. The SC does not expect to hold another public Dialogue meetings or an inperson SC meeting. The SC will conduct targeted outreach during the public comment period to ensure continuous feedback on the FTAD process. Final standards are expected by May 2011.