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(ASSG)

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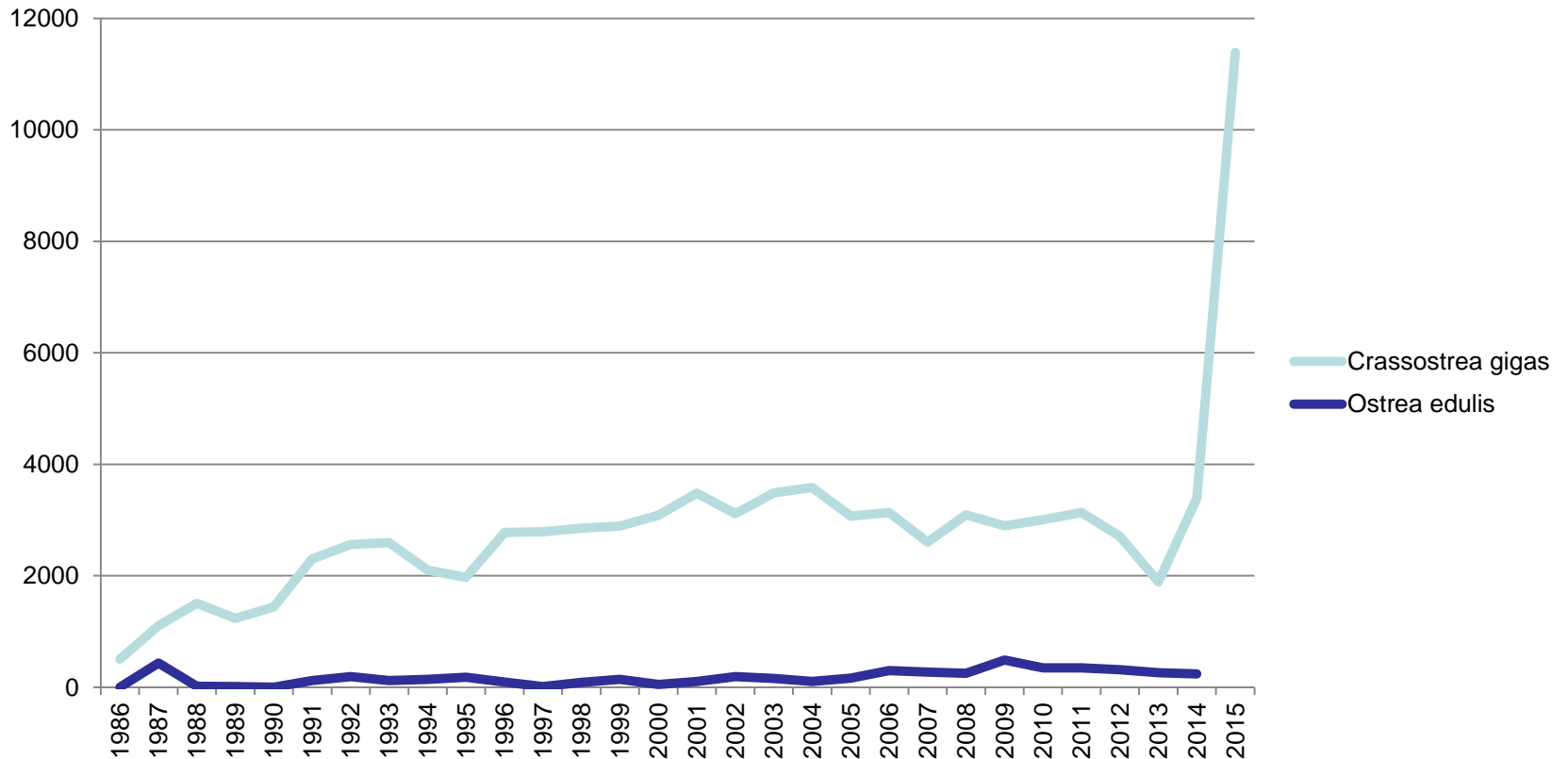
Expanding Scottish oyster production

Are we prepared for the challenges?

David Attwood



- Scottish oyster production 1986 – 2014



Expanding *Crassostrea gigas* oyster
production

Target of 100% increase for Scottish oysters
(and mussels) from 2010 to 2020

Currently c 3 million p.a needs to go to 6 m
p.a

Kyle of Tongue effect!

30 million oysters – 8 million marketable p.a

Job done!



Kyle of Tongue

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Increasing oyster Scottish oyster production

A few questions?

Q1 Why so sluggish growth

Q 2 Do we have the appetite for it?

Q 3 Is it worth it ??

Q 4 Where will the investment come from?

Assuming the answer is yes then.....



Challenges - what are they?

C 1 Disease status

Is being OHV negative hindering Scotland?

C 2 Effect of OHV on Scottish oyster stocks

C 3 Supply of oyster seed

C 4 Resistant strains

C 5 Triploidy

and there's more.....!



Challenges continued.....

C 6 Sites

C 7 Quality

C 8 Price

C 9 Competition

C 10 Finance

C 11 Burden of regulation

C 12 Innovation



Another final challenge.....

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C 13 Going native!



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