

# The Association of Scottish Shellfish Growers Annual Conference

Corran Halls, Oban

**6-7 October 2016**



## "Scottish Cultivated Shellfish - Past, Present and Future?"

(Celebrating the 30th Anniversary of the ASSG!)

## Programme

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The ASSG are extremely grateful for the generous sponsorship of the conference from The Crown Estate and Seafish. Without this support the conference would not be possible.

The Highlands and Islands Enterprise have kindly provided the prizes for the competition for best Scottish shellfish and this is also very much appreciated.



<b>Day 1</b>	<b>October 6th</b>
11:30	<i>Open for Delegate Registration (Trade Stands and Discussions)</i>
12:00	<b>Conference Welcome Nick Lake ASSG</b>
<b>Conference Opening 12:10</b>	<b>Address from Gareth Baird Crown Estate Commissioner for Scotland</b>
12:30	<i>Best Scottish Shellfish Competition (Start of Judging) Awards Sponsored by HIE</i>
12:45	<i>Buffet Lunch</i>
1986 - 2016 ASSG at 30!	<b>Celebrating Achievements of Past Years!</b>  <i>A cake to celebrate.....</i>
<b>Conference Session 1</b>	<b>Building on Success - Lessons from the Past?</b> <b>Guest presenter</b>
14:35 - 15:05	<b>Growth of the Scottish Industry Over Time - Key Considerations?</b> <b>Guest speaker</b>
15:10 - 15:30	<i>Tea / Coffee</i>
<b>Conference Session 2</b>	<b>Maintaining Present Development Opportunities</b>
15:30 - 15:55	<i>Scottish Shellfish - Room to Grow - the 2030 Vision and Challenges?</i> <i>Michael Tait, Managing Director, Shetland Mussels Ltd.</i>
16:00- 16:25	<b>Investments and Assets - Securing Business Development.</b> Ian Wright, Director, Traighe Mhor Oysters Ltd.
16.30-17.30	<i>Tea / Coffee</i> <b>Trade Stands and Discussions</b>
16:50 - 17:30	<b>ASSG AGM for Members</b>
19:30	<b>Annual Dinner Fishhouse Restaurant The Railway Pier, Oban</b>  <b>+ Award Winners Announced! Competition Awards Sponsored by HIE</b>

*All presentation timings allow 5 minutes for questions/discussion.*

The prizes for Best Scottish Shellfish sponsored by HIA



<b>Day 2</b>	<b>October 7th</b>
<i>08:45</i>	<i>Trade Stands and Discussions</i>
<b>Conference Session 3</b>	<b>Future Opportunities for Scottish Businesses?</b>
<i>09:10- 09:15</i>	<b>Conference Welcome</b> - Nick Lake ASSG
<i>09:15– 9.35</i>	<b>Shellfish and Environmental Stewardship - Ensuring Consumer Confidence.</b> -Morven Robertson, Friends Of the Sea, Project Development and Out-reach Officer UK
<i>9.40 –10.00</i>	<b>Mussel Hatchery Developments in Shetland - Securing Future Seed Supplies?</b> Gregg Arthur, Programme leader NAFC.
<i>10.05—10.25</i>	<b>Genetic Selection Opportunities for the Shellfish Industry - Are we Cultivating the Right Stock?</b> Dr Tom Ashton, Xelect Ltd, St Andrews, UK
<i>10:30 - 10:50</i>	<b>Shellfish as Part of Integrated Aquaculture - Are there Associated Production Opportunities?</b> Dr Gavin Burnell, University College Cork, Ireland
<i>10.55-11.25</i>	<i>Tea / Coffee</i>
<b>Conference Session 4</b>	<b>Scottish Shellfish on the International Stage?</b>
<i>11:30 - 11:55</i>	<b>Developments in the US - Lessons to be Learnt?</b> Dr Carter Newell, President, Pemaquid Mussel Farms, Maine, USA
<i>12.00 - 12:25</i>	<b>International Mussel Farming updates. New Zealand and other global partners.</b> Joe Franklin, Quality Equipment Ltd
<i>12:30- 12:55</i>	<b>Scotland Food and Drink Vision 2030 - Scottish Food Producers Perspective and Shellfish Implications?</b> Dennis Overton, Chair, Vision 2030 Group and Aquascot.
<i>13.00-13.15</i>	<b>Conference Closing Remarks</b> - Nick Lake ASSG
<i>13.15</i>	<b>Buffet Lunch</b>
<i>14:30</i>	<b>Conference Close</b>