

MULL GEAR CONFLICT MEETING

- 1** If gear is accidentally towed then the creel owners should be informed via the MNWFA rep and a latitude/longitude reference given so it should be possible to recover the gear. If contact cannot be made with the creel owner, then a local rep should be contacted.
- 2** If a clam boat goes into an area then this should be in daylight if possible – if not then the skipper should contact the local rep. It is essential that the skipper has made every effort to establish contact (Douglas has a contact sheet – divided into 4/5 different groups with their VHF, mobile and home phone numbers)
- 3** The normal VHF channels worked in each area should be indicated--- Ross of Mull—channel 74 ---the rest of Mull channel 6
- 4** Creel floats should be visible and numbered. This should also be indicated on the lists set up as this is a legal requirement.
- 5** It was decided that the main contact would be Nick with Douglas as a back-up (Mull) and John from the Mallaig and NW fishermen. Though if this fails, then another contact is needed.
- 6** If a boat is continually impossible to reach then there is a need to complain. However felt that should be possible to sort this out locally and not contact SFPA.
- 7.** Must upgrade contact sheets all the time so they don't get out of date. Certainly no later than 6 monthly intervals