The role of Aquatic Animal Focal Points: the Norwegian experience

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WHY?

WHAT’S THE ROLE OF THE FP?
TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE OIE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT FOR AQUATIC ANIMALS
## Organisation of focal points to the OIE in Norway

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How is it done?

- The Delegate gathers all FPs 2-4 times per year to share information, align their work, discuss and solve challenges and to strengthen the FPs as a team
- Established OIE contacts; other authorities, scientific institutions, industry and stakeholders
- Focal point for Aquatic Animals is located within the Competent Authority
- Direct access to the delegate
- FP’s responsibilities:
  - To support the optimal collection and submission of aquatic animal disease information to the OIE through WAHIS – be contact point for the OIE Animal Health Information Department
  - Receive copies of the reports of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and other relevant reports, and conduct the in-country consultation process with recognised aquatic animal health experts on draft texts of standards proposed in those reports
  - Prepare comments on relevant meeting reports reflecting the scientific view and position
  - Coordinate comments with focal points of other Member Countries
  - Support delegate/Competent Authority in trade issues
  - Keep the Ministry informed
Commenting process

- The FP receives copies of the reports of the Aquatic Animal Health Standards Commission and other relevant reports
- Discuss and align horizontal issues with other FPs
- Sum up the most important points and send report for commenting to other authorities, scientific institutions (CCs), industry, stakeholders
- The Delegate invites the FPs other authorities, relevant Ministries, scientific institutions (CCs), industry, stakeholders to a meeting before the GS to discuss speaking notes, comments etc.
Thank you for your attention

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