

Précis: Joint Annual Work Arrangement (JWA) for Northumberland IFCA and Natural England, Marine Management Organisation and the Environment Agency -- May 2017

This précis is an evolution of the archived JWAs as the work areas have developed since the first JWA was created in 2011 e.g. designations have progressed, Article 6/Fishing in MPAs project has advanced *et cetera*. Thus the items (◇ in the table below) have been consolidated. Please see previous, detailed versions of the JWAs, available on the NIFCA website, for more information on the various items.

This is, ostensibly, a Memorandum of Understanding between Northumberland IFCA, Natural England, Marine Management Organisation and the Environment Agency.

Joint working is vital in achieving a fully functioning IFCA, Natural England, Marine Management Organisation and the Environment Agency.

The items outlined in this document will ensure NIFCA has the correct tools and expertise to meet the IFCA vision: Lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry.

Item◇	Work Area	Activity	Output	Agreement	Involvement and role (where applicable)			
					NE	IFCA	MMO	EA (also see Annex 1b)
1,2,3,4,5,6,7	MPAs	- Revised Approach to management of fisheries within MPAs - Activity monitoring within MPAs -Management of MPAs (current and future) [reactive management of high risk – activities	A well-managed network of MPAs.	Parties to support each other in the designation process where appropriate. Effectiveness of Management Measures in MPAS NIFCA and the statutory bodies to jointly review the effectiveness of the agreed management measures** in meeting the conservation objectives within the MPAs and improve/amend where needed	✓ Support with HRA /MCZ assessment process. Provide statutory and non-statutory conservation advice to partners.	✓ Responsible for ensuring fishing activity doesn't have a significant effect on MPAs within the NIFCA district. Links to M&C plans/ management plans e.g. shellfish (NIFCA)	✓ Provide advice, MPA management, Enforcement, Marine Licensing and Marine Planning.	✓ EA will work with other agencies to link monitoring and regulatory work. EA regulatory responsibilities salmonid fisheries Provide various types (e.g. conservation, bathing water quality etc) of statutory advice to partners.
					e.g. regular evidence meetings with NIFCA. stat. advice to MMO			e.g. stat. advice to MMO
8,9,10,11,12	Enforcement (inside and outside of MPAs)	- Monitor fishing activity - Conduct vessel and landings inspections - Ensure compliance with legislation - Intelligence sharing - Cross-warranting - Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group	Protection of the marine environment and promote sustainable fish stocks through effective management and legislation.	Relevant parties will conduct Joint Operations, Cross-warranting and intelligence sharing to ensure compliance with relevant legislation. Understand each other's priorities. Effective risk-based targeting in line with national enforcement strategy. Appropriate and proportionate approach to enforcement.	✓ Working with NE on site specific issues? E.g. Lindisfarne. Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance	✓ Cross warranted with MMO and EA? Intel Project and MCSS Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance	✓ Cross Warranting and joint working with NIFCA. Intel Project and MCSS Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance	✓ Cross Warranting with NIFCA. Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance
					e.g. at Lindisfarne NNR	e.g. MMO and NIFCA have agreed and implement enhance joint operations to meet the prevailing operational need as required,	e.g. INTEL project. Confidential Intel Reports (CIR) have replaced the Suspicious Activity Report (SARs). Each of the Northern IFCAs (NIFCA, NEIFCA and	

							NWIFCA) and MMO North have appointed Officers and staff who have secure CJSM email accounts and can send Intel Reports to the MMO	
13,14,15, 24	Data collection, monitoring, analysis and reporting.	- Operational monitoring - Scientific investigations - evidence assessment of data linking MPA/management work area	Evidence used to inform management (threats/risks to features of MPAs).	Parties should work collaboratively where possible this includes – 1. sharing resources/assets including data 2. assist with surveys/data collection 3. project based approach in some areas of work [see item 24 for detailed examples]. 4. provide feedback on reports	✓	✓	✓	✓
					e.g. condition monitoring data on SAC and SPA features. National NE data releases Continue working with universities	e.g. mussel surveys, net surveys. Continue working with universities. Some projects listed on 2016 document such as IVMS and Martin Kitching (North Eastern Cetacean Database Project) continue (with slight revisions)	e.g. MMO supplied data to aid FLAG application	e.g. EA data available such as TraC fishing via available Open Data
16,17,18,19,20, 21,22,23	General Joint Working	- Consultation and communication - Data sharing [see row 17 of 2016 document for details] - Resource/Asset sharing - IFCA Committee Membership - Collaborative working - Review progress - Resolve issues - Share reports	Enables all parties to make the most of resources available to achieve joint goals and ensures efficient and effective management. Ensure that all parties are consulted on all developments that are relevant to them to ensure openness, transparency and “no-surprises.”	All items within the JWA relate to successful joint working and a good working relationship. All parties understand that the priorities of the different organisations should be balanced. All parties to attend NIFCA quarterly/Technical and Scientific Meetings. FLAG [North of the Tyne Fisheries Local Action Group]	✓ NIFCA member e.g. SI&B BNNC SAC condition monitoring.	✓	✓ NIFCA member	✓ NIFCA member
25	Stakeholder Engagement	- Attend meetings - Engage with stakeholders - Share information	Promote to aims of NIFCA.	All parties to engage with fishers and other stakeholders and promote the aims of NIFCA where applicable. - Attend meetings and conferences - Website and social media (e.g. twitter) - Promotional materials (e.g. leaflets) - stakeholder events	✓	✓ NIFCA to engage with stakeholders including website, promotional material and consultations.	✓	✓
26,27,28	Training	- Joint training - Work shadowing - Discuss training needs and opportunities. - Skill development.	All staff to be fully enforcement trained and cross-warranted and able to develop further skills.	All parties should exchange opportunities for staff development – 1. Conservation 2. Marine Planning 3. Marine Licensing 4. Enforcement 5. Fish Identification 6. Survey Methodology 7. MCA Beachmasters course 8. Emergency Response Training	✓ NE to give relevant training when appropriate.	✓ NIFCA to give training to committee members.	✓ MMO to give relevant training when appropriate.	✓ EA to give relevant training when appropriate.
						e.g. accreditation training. New member training for IFCA members	e.g. accreditation training.	e.g. water quality (abiotic) meter
29	Emergency Response	- Plan contingencies at local level	Local issues addressed in National Contingency	All parties sit on the Standing Environment Group (SEG) –	✓ meeting occurred early	✓ meeting occurred early	✓ meeting occurred early	✓ meeting occurred early

		- Membership of Standing Environment Group (SEG). - Understand roles for Marine Pollution Incidents.	Plan. Planning and preparation promotes a more effective response in the event of an incident.	1. Agree to communication with respect to emergencies. Emergencies will be dealt with. Emergency byelaws may be used to respond to unseen fisheries management emergencies. 2. SEG deals with pollution incidents. 3. SEG meets regularly and when needed.	2017	2017	2017	2017
30	Marine Planning	North East Marine Plan is being developed		MMO to keep NIFCA. EA and NE informed as to developments As of April 2016, the North East Coast inshore 12nm, and then North East off shore 12-200nm Marine Plan Areas were announced. All partners attended the inaugural stakeholder event. Partners will engage with the process as necessary.	✓ attended events	✓ attended events	✓ attended events	✓ attended events
New Item	FUNDING	Develop projects in partnership relevant to organisational objectives Pursue funding Project based approach		Core EMFF FLAG Other areas	✓	✓	✓	✓