

Précis: Joint Annual Work Arrangement (JWA) for Northumberland IFCA and Natural England, Marine Management Organisation and the Environment Agency -- August 2018

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 (Ø 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.

	ItemØ	Work Area	Activity	Output	Agreement	Involvement and role (where applicable)			
						NE	IFCA	MMO	EA (also see Annex 1b)
A	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Revised Approach to management of fisheries within MPAs - Activity monitoring within MPAs -Management of MPAs (current and future) [reactive management of high risk – activities] 	<p>A well-managed network of MPAs.</p> <p>Consideration of the Ecosystem Approach</p>	<p>Parties to support each other in the designation process where appropriate.</p> <p>This includes execution of appropriate regulations (including byelaws) for Northumberland region MPAs within district and Execution of duties in accordance with the requirements of the existing management scheme, where appropriate.</p> <p>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</p>	<p>✓ Support with HRA /MCZ assessment process.</p> <p>Provide statutory and non-statutory conservation advice to partners.</p>	<p>✓ 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]</p>	<p>✓ Provide advice, MPA management, Enforcement, Marine Licensing and Marine Planning.</p>	<p>✓ EA will work with other agencies to link monitoring and regulatory work. EA regulatory responsibilities salmonid fisheries</p> <p>Provide various types (e.g. conservation, bathing water quality etc) of statutory advice to partners.</p>
						e.g. regular evidence meetings with NIFCA. stat. advice to MMO			e.g. stat. advice to MMO
B	8,9,10,11,12	Enforcement (inside and outside of MPAs)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monitor fishing activity (link to iVMS in C below) - Conduct vessel and landings inspections - Ensure compliance with legislation - Intelligence sharing - Cross-warranting - Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group 	<p>Protection of the marine environment and promote sustainable fish stocks through effective management and legislation.</p>	<p>All relevant parties will conduct Joint Operations, Cross-warranting and intelligence sharing to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.</p> <p>Understand each other's priorities.</p> <p>Effective risk-based targeting in line with a national enforcement strategy, which includes (NIMEG national inshore marine enforcement group) and JMOCC – joint marine operations control centre.</p> <p>Appropriate and proportionate approach to enforcement.</p>	<p>✓ Working with NE on site specific issues? E.g. Lindisfarne.</p> <p>Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance</p> <p>Attends NIMEG</p>	<p>✓ Cross warranted with MMO and EA?</p> <p>Intel Project and MCSS</p> <p>Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance</p> <p>Attends NIMEG</p>	<p>✓ Cross Warranting and joint working with NIFCA.</p> <p>Intel Project and MCSS</p> <p>Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance</p> <p>Attends NIMEG</p> <p>MMO attends JMOCC and communicates with other partners</p>	<p>✓ Cross Warranting with NIFCA.</p> <p>Bi-annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance</p> <p>Attends NIMEG</p> <p>Since 2004, the EA has used a data base called Memex (used by a number of Police Forces) to store information. It now uses the 3x5x2 (replacing old 5x5x5) grading system that was</p>

									introduced by the Home Office in March 2016. All EA Fisheries Enforcement officers have input and search rights.
						e.g. at Lindisfarne NNR	e.g. MMO and NIFCA have undertaken joint operations to meet the prevailing operational needs as required,	e.g. INTEL project. Confidential Intel Reports (CIR) have replaced the Suspicious Activity Report (SARs). This has been rolled out nationally and appointed Officers and staff who have secure CJSM email accounts and can send Intel Reports to the MMO	EA enforcement officers have carried out joint operations with NIFCA, including boat patrols. These are intended to carry on into the foreseeable future.
C	13,14,15, 24 Also Links to MPA and enforcement	Data collection, monitoring, analysis and reporting.	- Operational monitoring - Scientific investigations - evidence assessment of data linking to MPA/management work area - assist with survey and data collection	Evidence used to inform management (e.g. threats/risks to features of MPAs, bye law review <i>et cetera</i>).	Parties should work collaboratively where possible this includes – 1. sharing resources/assets including data (nbDPA) 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	✓	✓	✓	✓
		Future activity Vessel monitoring to inform on management	Prospect of operational vessel monitoring with iVMS for under 12 metre vessels						
D	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,	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	✓	✓ NIFCA member	✓ NIFCA member
							e.g. SI&B BNNC SAC condition monitoring.		

				transparency and “no-surprises.”					
E	25	Stakeholder Engagement	- Attend meetings - Engage with stakeholders - Share information	Promote the 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	✓ Will promote NIFCA/engage with stakeholders where appropriate	✓ NIFCA to engage with stakeholders including website, promotional material and consultations.	✓ Will promote NIFCA/engage with stakeholders where appropriate	✓ Will promote NIFCA/engage with stakeholders where appropriate
F	26,27,28	Training	- Joint training - Work shadowing - Discuss training needs and opportunities. - Skill development.	All IFCOs 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 remains an aspiration. New member training for IFCA members	e.g. accreditation training remains an aspiration.	e.g. water quality (abiotic) meter
G	29	Emergency Response	- Plan contingencies at local level - Membership of Standing Environment Group (SEG). - Understand roles for Marine Pollution Incidents.	Local issues addressed in National Contingency Plan. Planning and preparation promotes a more effective response in the event of an incident.	All parties sit on the Standing Environment Group (SEG) – 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 particularly and when needed.	✓ SEG is currently restructuring.	✓ SEG is currently restructuring.	✓ SEG is currently restructuring.	✓ SEG is currently restructuring.
H	30	Marine Planning	North East Marine Plan is being developed		MMO to keep NIFCA, EA and NE informed as to developments Partners will engage with the process as necessary.	✓ will continue to attend events	✓ will continue to attend events	✓ will continue to attend events	✓ will continue to attend events
I	New Item	FUNDING	Develop projects in partnership relevant to organisational objectives Pursue funding Project based approach		Core EMFF - – the MSFD project was successful and a £220k project in partnership with University of Newcastle, NEIFCA, NE and NIFCA to inform on condition and management through an MSFD approach - Technical and environmental monitoring equipment - Cabin rib FLAG	✓	✓	✓	✓

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - – Brown Crab proposal EOI approved by FLAG (and now being considered by the MMO) Other areas				
J	New Item	Respond to changes in the government's environment, enforcement, and management approaches e.g. Defra's 25 year plan	Keep up to date Respond to direction of the plan(s), as appropriate		Keep partners informed as to the ramifications of changes in a changing political landscape Support partners	✓	✓	✓	✓

Annex 1.b: Joint work with NIFCA, NE and the MMO that Environment Agency will focus on.

33/8-9. Enforcement (EA & NIFCA) – through the Joint Enforcement Group

- we will look at opportunities for sharing resources and doing joint operations
- we will take forward cross warranting and joint training

14. Marine monitoring (EA & NE & NIFCA)

- we will share our monitoring programmes with NE and NIFCA
- we will continue the sea grass partnership
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17. Sharing data (EA & NE)

- we will clarify and try to resolve any data protection issues
- we will look at the potential for sharing historic and current data e.g. on sea grass, saltmar.

27. Marine licensing (EA&NE)

- joint working / shadowing on our responses to marine licences to understand one another's systems and to facilitate coordinated responses

29. Emergency response (EA & NIFCA)

- as chair of the group we will look at the potential for NIFCA membership.

To continue

- Consultation and communication