

## Précis: Joint Annual Work Arrangement (JWA) for Northumberland IFCA and Natural England, Marine Management Organisation and the Environment Agency -- Sept 2019

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)
A	1,2,3,4,5,6,7	MPAs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Revised Approach to management of fisheries within MPAs</li> <li>- Activity monitoring within MPAs</li> <li>- Management of MPAs (current and future) [reactive management of high</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A well-managed network of MPAs.</li> <li>Consideration of the Ecosystem Approach</li> <li>Consideration of change in policy, legislation and regulation, as appropriate e.g.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parties to support each other in the designation process where appropriate.</li> <li>This includes execution of appropriate regulations (including byelaws) for Northumberland region MPAs within district and Execution of duties in accordance with the requirements</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Support with HRA /MCZ assessment process. Advice regarding Ecosystem Approach inside and outside MPAs</li> <li>Provide statutory and non-statutory conservati</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Responsible for ensuring fishing activity doesn't have a significant effect on MPAs within the NIFCA district. Links to M&amp;C plans/ management plans e.g. shellfish (NIFCA).</li> <li>Appropriate consultation protocols will be followed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Provide advice, MPA management, monitoring, enforcement, Marine Licensing and Marine Planning.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ EA will work with other agencies to link monitoring and regulatory work. EA regulatory responsibilities salmonid fisheries</li> <li>Provide various types (e.g. conservation, bathing water quality etc) of statutory advice to partners.</li> </ul>

			risk – activities]	around HPMA's and Bait Digging/Hand gathering.	of the existing management scheme, 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	on advice to partners.  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)	- Monitor fishing activity (link to iVMS in C below) - Conduct vessel and landings inspections - Ensure compliance with legislation	Protection of the marine environment and promote sustainable fish stocks through effective management and legislation.	All relevant parties will conduct Joint Operations, Cross-warranting and intelligence sharing to ensure compliance with relevant legislation.  Understand each other's priorities.  Increased communication –	✓ Working with NE on site specific issues? E.g. Lindisfarne.  Annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance	✓ Cross warranted with MMO and EA?  Intel Project and MCSS  Annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance  Attends NIMEG  NIFCA SHARES MONTHLY ROTA WITH MMO	✓ Cross Warranting and joint working with NIFCA.  Intel Project and MCSS  Annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance  Attends NIMEG	✓ Cross Warranting with NIFCA. Annual Local Joint Enforcement Group attendance  Attends NIMEG  Since 2004, the EA has used a data base called Memex (used by a number of Police Forces) to

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Intelligence sharing</li> <li>- Cross-warranting</li> <li>- Snnual Local Joint Enforcement Group</li> <li>- Tactical Co-ordination Group (TCG) – twice a month, opportunity for IFCA, Police, EA officers (as appropriate ) to meet and discuss emerging and existing issues.</li> <li>- Bi-weekly vessel monitoring telecalls.</li> </ul>	<p>Intelligence-led, informed joint working as a result of the TCG meetings.</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>Formal Charter Agreement MOA between MMO and local IFCAs to govern the chartering of IFCA assets to the MMO</p>	<p>Attends NIMEG</p>	<p>As part of the Formal Charter Agreement, NIFCA charter their vessels and staff on a consent basis</p>	<p>MMO attends JMOCC and communicates with other partners</p> <p>MMO – SHARES WEEKLY PLAN WITH NIFCA</p> <p>As part of the Formal Charter Agreement, MMO will request vessels and staff, as required.</p>	<p>store information. It now uses the 3x5x2 (replacing old 5x5x5) grading system that was introduced by the Home Office in March 2016. All EA Fisheries Enforcement officers have input and search rights.</p> <p>EA enforcement officers have carried out joint operations with NIFCA, including boat patrols. These are intended to carry on into the foreseeable future.</p>
C	13,14,15, 24	Data collection, monitoring, analysis and reporting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Operational monitoring</li> <li>- Scientific investigations</li> <li>- evidence assessment of data</li> </ul>	Evidence used to inform management (e.g. threats/risks to features of MPAs, by	Parties should work collaboratively where possible this includes – 1. sharing resources/assets including data	✓	✓	✓	✓
						NE evidence relating to evidence projects	Continue working with universities  Work of this nature is documented in the	Comprehensive statistical data collection for all first sale fish sold and vessels (catch	EA have a research plan [include reference of http link]

	Also Links to MPA (A) and enforcement (b)		linking to MPA/ management work area - assist with survey and data collection - Environmental partnership work, formal and informal -contribute to collation and assessment of evidence to identify evidence gaps and how to address them	law review <i>et cetera</i> ).	(nbDPA) and GDPR 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 5. Engage with working Group approach – attend meetings, host, contribute as appropriate.	and condition monitoring is made available to partners. National NE data releases Continue working with universities	NIFCA annual research plan <a href="https://www.nifca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-20%20Annual-Research-Plan.pdf">https://www.nifca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/2019-20 Annual-Research-Plan.pdf</a>	recording app) in England, permitting accurate assessments to be carried out in relation to queries from stakeholders and outside agencies	
		Future activity Vessel monitoring to inform on management	Prospect of operational vessel monitoring with iVMS for under 12 metre vessels					MMO leads on iVMS project	
D	16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23	General Joint Working	- Consultation and	Enables all parties to make the	All items within the JWA relate to successful joint	✓ NIFCA member	✓	✓ NIFCA member	✓ NIFCA member

			<p>communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Data sharing [see row 17 of 2016 document for details]</li> <li>- Resource/Asset sharing</li> <li>- IFCA Committee Membership</li> <li>- Collaborative working</li> <li>- Review progress</li> <li>- Resolve issues</li> <li>- Share reports</li> </ul>	<p>most of resources available to achieve joint goals and ensures efficient and effective management.</p> <p>Ensure that all parties are consulted on all developments that are relevant to them to ensure openness, transparency and “no-surprises.”</p>	<p>working and a good working relationship.</p> <p>All parties understand that the priorities of the different organisations should be balanced.</p> <p>All parties to attend NIFCA quarterly/Technical and Scientific Meetings.</p>	Attend meetings and support partners	Attend meetings and support partners	Attend meetings and support partners	
E	25	Stakeholder Engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attend meetings</li> <li>- Engage with stakeholders</li> <li>- Share information</li> </ul>	Promote the aims of NIFCA, NE, EA and MMO.	All parties to engage with fishers and other stakeholders and promote the aims of partners where applicable.	✓ Will promote partner organisations /engage with stakehold	✓ Will promote partner organisations /engage with stakeholders where appropriate	✓ Will promote partner organisations/en gage with stakeholders where appropriate	✓ Will promote partner organisations/en gage with stakeholders where appropriate

					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Attend meetings and conferences</li> <li>- Website and social media (e.g. twitter)</li> <li>- Promotional materials (e.g. leaflets)</li> <li>- stakeholder events</li> </ul>	ers where appropriate			
F	26,27,28	Training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Joint training</li> <li>- Work shadowing</li> <li>- Discuss training needs and opportunities.</li> <li>- Skill development.</li> </ul>	All officers of relevant organisations (as required) to be fully enforced and cross-warranted and able to develop further skills.	<p>All parties should exchange opportunities for staff development –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Conservation</li> <li>2. Marine Planning</li> <li>3. Marine Licensing</li> <li>4. Enforcement</li> <li>5. Fish Identification</li> <li>6. Survey Methodology</li> <li>7. MCA Beachmasters course</li> <li>8. Emergency Response Training</li> </ol>	<p>✓</p> <p>NE to give relevant training when appropriate.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>NIFCA to give training to committee members, and partners when appropriate</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>MMO to give relevant training when appropriate.</p>	<p>✓</p> <p>EA to give relevant training when appropriate.</p>
							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	Local issues addressed in National Contingency	All parties sit on the Standing Environment Group (SEG) –	✓	✓	✓	✓

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Membership of Standing Environment Group (SEG).</li> <li>- Understand roles for Marine Pollution Incidents.</li> </ul>	<p>y Plan. Planning and preparation promotes a more effective response in the event of an incident.</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>2. SEG deals with pollution incidents.</p> <p>3. SEG meets particularly and when needed.</p>				
H	30	Marine Planning	North East Marine Plan is being developed		<p>MMO to keep NIFCA. EA and NE informed as to developments</p> <p>Partners will engage with the process as necessary.</p>	✓ will continue to engage and attend events	✓ will continue to engage and attend events	✓ will continue to engage and attend events	✓ will continue to engage and attend events
I	New Item	FUNDING	Develop projects in partnership relevant to organisational objectives		Should a strategic grant or grants be identified, parties will work together as appropriate/with	✓	✓	✓	✓

			Pursue funding Project based approach		relevant organisations to develop projects e.g. Core EMFF and potentially FLAG should be renewed as a new environmental/fishers grant. At this stage the partnership does not know the structure of this grant. University funding CASE/NERC				
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
- we will look for other areas of cross-monitoring with NE and NIFCA
- we will share WFD Trac Fish data with NIFCA
- we will raise the issue nationally of the need for WFD and Common Standards monitoring protocols to be standardised.
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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
- Input to the NIFCA Committee
- Sitting on existing Steering Groups (e.g. N2K)
- For existing MPAs we will link our existing monitoring and regulatory work.
- For future MCZs we will work with other agencies to determine management measures and will link our monitoring and regulatory work