

Progress Report on Annual Plan 2021/2022 Workstreams

Key:

	Workstream completed		Workstream in progress		Workstream not started
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Management of Fishing Activities

Topic	Annual Plan Ref:	Success Criteria Outcome	Actions	Progress to August 2021 and Status
Review of the existing Netting Permit Conditions	KT001	SC31	To present an officer "Planning Report" to the B&PSC which identifies potential weaknesses or suggested potential changes to the overarching Potting Permit Byelaw (and associated permit conditions). The plan will also identify areas where pre-consultation may be required and identify potential changes in management within the regulatory framework.	Not started. It was expected work would begin in August 2021 – A planning report is likely to be produced in late 2021/early 2022.
Review (re-make) of the Potting Permit Byelaw	KT002	SC31	To present an officer "Planning Report" to the B&PSC which identifies potential weaknesses or suggested potential changes to the overarching Potting Permit Byelaw (and associated permit conditions). The plan will also identify areas where pre-consultation may be required and identify potential changes in management within the regulatory framework.	Not started. The planning report is likely to be produced in late 2021/early 2022.
Review of the existing Potting Permit Conditions	KT003	SC31	To present the findings of the 2021 Live Wrasse Fishery and the comparison with all data collected since 2017 to the B&PSC.	The wrasse fishery is not taking place in the D&S IFCA's District for 2021.
Review (re-make) of the Diving Permit Byelaw	KT004	SC31	To present an officer "Planning Report" to the B&PSC which identifies potential weaknesses or suggested potential changes to the overarching Diving Permit Byelaw (and associated permit conditions). The plan will also identify areas where pre-consultation may be required and identify potential changes in management within the regulatory framework, including the scope of the Byelaw to introduce management measures for fin fish.	Not started, but not planned to begin until early 2022. The focus in 2021 has been existing Permit Conditions. .

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Review (re-make) of the Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw	KT005	SC31	To present an officer "Planning Report" to the B&PSC which identifies potential weaknesses or suggested potential changes to the overarching Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw (and associated permit conditions). The plan will also identify areas where pre-consultation may be required and identify potential changes in management within the regulatory framework.	The Planning Report was produced and examined by the B&PSC on 22 nd July 2021. The work required to meet the timetable within the Planning Report is behind schedule.
	KT006	SC31	Consideration by the B&PSC of potential management of mobile gear activities to protect Mariculture Sites within the D&S IFCA's District.	Above report highlights that future recommendations will be presented in due course.
To Review the Size of Vessels Byelaw	KT007	SC31	To present an officer "Planning Report" to the B&PSC which identifies potential weaknesses or suggested potential changes to the Size of Vessels Byelaw. The plan will also identify areas where pre-consultation may be required as well as process related tasks needed to re-make this Byelaw.	The Planning Report was presented to the B&PSC on 22 nd July 2021. Actions, including pre-consultation are now underway.
Taw Torridge Mussel Fishery Management Strategy	KT008	SC33	To develop a Management Strategy for the Taw Torridge Estuary mussel resource which identifies a programme of actions for the development of the mussel fishery.	This workstream has not started in earnest although Officers have started discussion on how this may progress.
GIS Mapping of all spatial and activity data	KT009	SC31	To review and produce a portfolio of map and chart products using GIS that will support D&S IFCA's management of fishing activities. This task links with other workstreams in this Annual Plan.	Recruitment process undertaken. No suitable candidates. D&S IFCA is in discussions with Southampton University to take on this work under contract.
Trialling Remote Electronic Monitoring Equipment	KT010	SC31	To undertake a trial of new technologies in remote electronic monitoring to include gear-in gear-out equipment and on-board cameras	Formal discussion with suppliers and fishing vessel owner have taken place. An agreed installation date in September is expected

Evidence

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Wrasse	KT011	SC33	To undertake surveys during the fishing operation of vessels in the Live Wrasse Pot fishery.	The fishery opened on 16th July 2021, but no wrasse surveys have taken place. This initially was due to one of the two vessels involved not meeting MCA regulations and the lack of viability in starting the fishery with only one active fisher. In mid-August D&S IFCA was informed that the Agent acting for the Salmon farm no longer wishes to source wrasse from the D&S IFCA's District for 2021 and likely into the future. For 2021 the agent is also not sourcing wrasse from the Cornwall side of the Plymouth Sound.
	KT012	SC33	To analyse the data for 2021 and compare it to data collected annually since 2017 to investigate changes in LPUE and CPUE for all species caught and to produce a report of the data collected for 2021 compared with previous years' data and present to the B&PSC	
Fisheries Management Plans (FMP)	KT013	SC33	Extend the first five FRMP to District FMPs for herring, bass, whelk, skates & rays and squid and to commence work on FMP for additional species.	FRMPs are developing well for all these five species extended to the whole of the District and a new FRMP for cuttlefish. They are at the point where the FRMP officer will start stakeholder engagement to gather further information.
Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station	KT014	SC13	To participate in the PINS Pre -and Public inquiry as dictated by PINS relating it the cancellation of the Acoustic Fish deterrent and input into meetings and relevant consultations.	Senior Environment Officer has participated in the Public Inquiry submitting evidence and answering questions.
EMS/MCZ Assessments	KT015	SC32	To complete the Bideford to Foreland Point MCZ and Hartland Point to Tintagel T2 MCZ assessments.	Final demersal fishing MCZ Assessments are still in draft awaiting the EA's survey report.

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	KT016	SC32	To complete the T1 Skerries Bank and Surrounds MCZ assessments for demersal fishing gear.	The assessments are in the final internal review stage and will be sent to NE in September. D&S IFCA has liaised with NE to prepare them that these assessments will be sent imminently, and NE has confirmed that a Marine Adviser will be available to review them in September.
	KT017	SC32	To gather evidence and produce Tranche 3 MCZ fishing activity reports and commence drafting of MCZ assessments for the six sites within the D&S IFCA's District.	Fishing activity matrices have been produced for T3 MCZ and fishing activity reports are still progressing for Devon Avon MCZ. The Dart MCZ fishing activity report is near completion. Fishing activity reports for the Erme, Axe and Otter MCZ have not commenced. An assessment for Morte Platform MCZ is completed and undergoing internal review. The T3 MCZ assessment work is delayed due to the fact that the Environment team has been one officer down for the past six months.
	KT018	SC32	To analyse all the data collected from surveys undertaken in FY2020/2021 and produce a report on the seagrass in Torbay and fisheries interactions with it.	The report has been finalised and published and will be used to review the MCZ assessments.
	KT019	SC32	To review data and evidence collected regarding fishing activity within four MPAs in the D&S IFCA's District to inform the Monitoring and Control Plans for these MPAs.	Fishing activity data have been collated and analysed and updating M&CP reports is in progress.

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Spiny Lobster (Crawfish) evidence review and dissemination	KT020	SC31	To review all data and evidence on spiny lobsters collected to date and produce a report.	A DPA request has been sent to MMO for landings data for 2020. These data have been received and collation of all other data (fishers and Seasearch) has commenced. This work has been delayed due to pressures from other workstreams and a reduced Environment team.
Salcombe Scallop Fishery	KT021	SC33	To analyse all data from the fishery from 1998 to 2020 and produce a report.	Data has been QA'd and cleaned and statistical analysis using R scripts has commenced. The report is being worked on. This work has been delayed due to the need for officers to focus on the Skerries Bank MCZ assessment.
Bass Survivability	KT022	SC31	To undertake a literature review of the survivability of bass through netting activities and techniques used to assess these.	This workstream is underway. Officers have liaised with fishers to gather information on the fishery, the netting techniques used in the fishery and the fishers' experience and expertise to help inform the project. Meetings have been held with Dr Tom Stamp regarding tagging of bass to inform their survivability from netting. Site specific research is due to commence in October / November 2021/
	KT023	SC31	Site-specific research will be undertaken to understand the netting techniques used for the capture of mullet, bream, and bass, and to investigate the survival of bass in the field.	

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Taw Torridge Mussel Fishery	KT024	SC33	To assess the intertidal and sub-tidal mussel stocks in the Taw Torridge Estuary, and to assess the success of the relaying trial.	A five day intertidal stock assessment survey took place in May 2021 and data are being analysed. Discussion have commenced with the fisher as to the possibility of repeating the seed mussel relaying and undertaking ground truthing of the sub-tidal mussel beds to assess their extent and density.

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Internal Processes

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To introduce Schemes of Delegation	KT025	SC41	For the Governance Working Group to establish Schemes of Delegation and for them to be approved by the Authority at the AGM.	Offices have produced a Scheme of Delegation which was expected to be presented to the Full Authority in September. This is further delayed and there has been no recent GWG meetings.
Governance: Training and guidance on meeting protocol	KT026	SC43	For members and officers to receive training on meeting protocol and for simplified guidance to be created to accompany formal standing orders.	Training on Standing Orders was provided to Officers and Members on 15 th July 2021. The information is posted on a new Training for Members website page.
Accountability	KT027	SC42	To introduce a detailed time accounting system to record officers' time on Annual Plan workstreams.	An accounting system has been set up and is continuing with all officers completing daily timesheets to record their hours to meet success criteria and key tasks as set out in the Annual Plan.
Internal Systems	KT028	SC43	To review internal systems & all Data Protection Policy (and Standards) and refine documentation where necessary.	Not started. H&S Safety Policy, training and processes review has started but other workstreams may not be progressed this year.

Communications

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Pilot Roadshow of virtual stakeholder meetings	KT029	SC11	To undertake fishing port specific meetings to engage with commercial fishers.	Not started. It is unlikely that this workstream will commence in FY 2021/2022 due to workload pressures.
	KT030	SC11	To set up a stakeholder forum to facilitate engagement with recreational angling representatives.	Not started. It is unlikely that this workstream will commence in FY 2021/2022 due to workload pressures.
	KT031	SC11	To set up a stakeholder forum to facilitate engagement with marine conservation representatives.	Not started. It is unlikely that this workstream will commence in FY 2021/2022 due to workload pressures.
Skerries Bank Angling Zone	KT032	SC11	To carry out consultation and meetings with the three interested sectors who utilise the Angling Zone.	Not started. The Officer involved in the Angling Strategy work has returned from Maternity Leave and is starting to plan consultation with the interested sectors. The time frame for the commencement of this work is September / October 2021
Spiny Lobster sectoral meetings	KT033	SC11	To undertake commercial fishing sectoral meetings at key port locations within D&S IFCA's District to disseminate evidence collected and gather information on potential management measures that these fishing sectors would like to see introduced	Not started. This has been delayed due to pressures from other workstreams.

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