

AIFCA SUMMARY REPORT

1. Purpose of the report

This report is intended to provide a summary of the work undertaken to date following the provision of the 3KQ Consultants review of the Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (AIFCA)

2. Background

In December 2018, the Association of IFCAs appointed 3KQ to conduct an independent review of the organisation.

The final report was presented by 3KQ at a meeting in London on 4th March 2019 when all IFCAs attended including the Chair and ACO from D&S IFCA. This report has been previously circulated to Members.

The report concluded that satisfaction with the Association was low and No Change was not an option. The Consultants also reported at the meeting in London that the concerns that had been raised by D&S IFCA officers and members during the consultation were shared across the other IFCAs.

A small IFCA review group comprising the Chair and Vice Chair of the AIFCA, the ACO from D&S IFCA, CO from K&E IFCA and the CO from E IFCA were used to review the draft Consultant's report.

3. Developments

At the meeting on 4th March 2019, it was agreed by the IFCA representatives that the IFCA working group should consider how to take forward all the recommendations set out in the Consultant's report.

The IFCA working group composition was changed with the CO from K&E IFCA being replaced by the CO from Cornwall IFCA.

On 4th June 2019, the IFCA working group's report (attached) was presented at the AIFCA meeting. The IFCA working group's recommendations were to;

- Agree the revised AIFCA mission statement,
- Agree the prioritisation of the 3KQ's recommendations,
- Agree a phased action plan for the review,
- Agree that additional resourcing will be found from AIFCA reserves for external advice, if required.

Members at the AIFCA meeting agreed to accept the report and supported the proposed changes to the AIFCA's mission statement and the outlined work required to deliver Phase 2 of the change process.

4. Current position

Following the AIFCA meeting, the IFCA working group has continued to develop the documentation required to complete Phase 2. The working group will submit its report on Phase 2 to the AIFCA at its meeting in September 2019.

It is the aim of the Chair of AIFCA to have implemented the changes required in Phase 2 by the AIFCA meeting in December 2019.