



# Quarterly Report

**For Period:**  
**June, July & August 2019**

## Overview of New Report

Following the suggestion of members at the Authority meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2019, officers have produced a different style of quarterly report. This quarterly report places more focus on the work streams set out within the 2019-20 Annual plan and the work completed by officers to deliver it.

This report is a mixture of news items related to different tasks, tables to demonstrate the status of workstreams, and some narrative that reports on tasks not initially highlighted for completion in the 2019-20 Annual Plan.

The report utilises embedded information (Hyperlinks) and is best read in electronic format.

The news items produced throughout this quarter can be read in their pdf form within this report, however members can choose to follow more real time progress of D&S IFCA's work by visiting the website at any time during the quarter and reading latest news items.

The website can help to update members and stakeholders about the work of D&S IFCA. Pages of interest include:

- [Latest News Tab](#)
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## General situation

Defra has confirmed that the Treasury has delayed the full Spending Review until 2020 and instead will be delivering a more focused Spending Review in 2019 which will conclude in early September. This will amount to a one year, 2020/21 Resource Spending agreement, which is expected to maintain budgets at the 2019/20 funding levels where it can be shown the activity is continuing. In the case of IFCA's, this means that we will be requesting to Treasury to roll over Defra's current funding support of £3 million per year of IFCA's.

It is understood that the ABPmer report evaluating the performance of IFCA's had been submitted to Defra by the end of July, but it has not been made publicly available yet.

The scheduled appeal case in Plymouth Crown Court relating to the fishing vessel STELLA MARIS OF NEWQUAY was adjourned. The appellants requested that an abuse of process application was heard before the case proceeded. The application will be heard before the case continues and is likely to be adjourned until at least January or February 2020. Two further cases that were to be heard in the Magistrates' courts were also adjourned following similar applications being raised. In connection with the Crown Court case, a complaint against the Authority has been received.

A new enforcement officer, Robert Dyson has joined the team. Rob joined the team after the unexpected departure of Callum Vale that had been initially recruited to the vacant position in May. The Senior Enforcement Officer has attended a two-day enforcement training course with officers from Cornwall IFCA. This training was part of the new enforcement training programme being delivered by the IFCA's' new training officer, Ian Jones. The IFCA National Training Programme will cater for new entrants, warranted officers and advanced courses for experienced officers. In turn, this training will fulfil many of the modules identified in the MMO/IFCA accredited enforcement training scheme.

## News Items – June, July & August 2019

### Managing Bait Digging (3<sup>rd</sup> June 2019)



A news item to demonstrate the work of the B&PSC examining the report that was produced about the potential future management of bait digging.

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### Student Placement Assists D&S IFCA Environment Team (19<sup>th</sup> June)



A news item describing the mixed working conducted by Ffion Blundell during her three-month placement at D&S IFCA.

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### Hand Gathering – Call for Information (27<sup>th</sup> June)



A news item to support the consultation work conducted by D&S IFCA related to managing different hand gathering fishing activities, as part of the larger plan to review management of all Hand Working Fishing Activities.

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### Have Your Say on the Proposed Exemption Byelaw 2019 (1<sup>st</sup> July)



A news item to support the formal consultation that is required as part of making this new Byelaw.

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### Live Wrasse Pot Fishery Opens 16<sup>th</sup> July (4<sup>th</sup> July)



A news item to raise awareness that the highly regulated Live Wrasse Pot Fishery was due to begin following the closed fishing period. Explained what conditions D&S IFCA has introduced to manage this activity.

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## Professor Mike Williams elected as Chair of D&S IFCA (8<sup>th</sup> July)



A news item produced by Plymouth University and further publicised by D&S IFCA. Provided stakeholders with background information about the new Chair and a brief insight into the work of D&S IFCA.

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## D&S IFCA Respond to Increase in Reported Illegal Netting Activity (22<sup>nd</sup> July)



A news item to demonstrate intelligence led enforcement work conducted during un-social hour periods within Plymouth Sound and estuary areas including the Plym, Yealm, Avon and Teign.

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## D&S IFCA Close Public Shellfish Beds (24<sup>th</sup> July)



An updated news item, following on from a previous article. Highlights that the public mussel beds within the Teign & Exe are closed and explains the reasons why.

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## New Diving Permit Conditions (26<sup>th</sup> July)



A news item to support circulation of new Diving Permit Conditions (1<sup>st</sup> August) that was required following a review of the conditions undertaken by the B&PSC between December 2017 and May 2019. Multiple conditions were amended. News item links to a final Byelaw Development Report documenting rationale and process.

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## New Potting Permit Conditions (26<sup>th</sup> July)



A news item to support circulation of new Potting Permit Conditions (1<sup>st</sup> August) that was required following a review of the conditions undertaken by the B&PSC. A single permit condition related to the use of finfish for bait was removed. Links to a final Byelaw Development Report documenting rationale and process.

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## Survey work for the Live Wrasse Fishery has commenced (30<sup>th</sup> July)



A news item highlighting the start of research work being undertaken by D&S IFCA Environment Officers. The data collected during 2019 (year 3 research) will allow for a comprehensive review to be conducted at the end of the year with the results presented to and discussed by the B&PSC in February 2020.

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## D&S IFCA Involved in MMO project assessing non-lethal seal deterrent options (5<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to highlight the work of D&S IFCA Officers supporting the project by conducting multiple early morning sessions on Brixham fish market to grade, weigh and count mackerel.

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## Update on Hand Gathering (6<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to highlight the end of the hand gathering consultation work conducted during June and July 2019. The article links to the officer paper (that includes a summary of response from interested stakeholders) which was presented to and discussed by the B&PSC at the meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> August.

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## Round up of Recent Prosecutions (8<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to highlight four investigations by the enforcement team that relate to fishing activities being conducted without a valid permit and the retention of shellfish below the Minimum Conservation Reference Size.

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## Cuttle Pot Impact & Egg Laying Media Trials (14<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to inform stakeholders about survey work conducted in the Torbay MCZ and to highlight the results of the work that are documented in a report that was written earlier this year and has now been published.

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## Exemptions for Survey Work (16<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to highlight a survey being conducted on the research vessel Solent Guardian in the Teignmouth area. Due to the size of the vessel and the nature of the survey the operation required a dispensation from D&S IFCAs. This news item linked to an explanation about the proposed D&S IFCAs Exemptions Byelaw 2019 and the scope the new byelaw would provide if confirmed in due course.

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## Torbay Seagrass Surveys – Completed (19<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to report the completion of the 2019 seagrass survey work in the Torbay Marine Conservation Zone (MCZ). This year the survey was conducted by the Environment Agency in collaboration with Natural England. An Environment Officer from D&S IFCAs assisted with the survey work. The news item explains the importance of seagrass as a feature of the MCZ, how the survey was conducted and links to a 2017 survey report.

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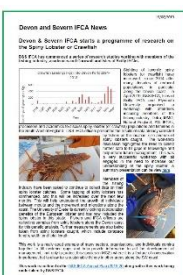
## Multi Agency Patrol at Teignmouth and Shaldon (19<sup>th</sup> August)



This article highlights the actions of D&S IFCAs Enforcement Officers, working in conjunction with other agencies such as the Police and Environmental Health to investigate reports of large-scale cockle collection from the Teign Estuary. The news item explains that D&S IFCAs has no byelaws in place to manage the amounts of cockles that can be taken for personal consumption. It links to B&PSC reports presented as part of a review of management.

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## D&S IFCAs Starts a Programme of Research on the Spiny Lobster or Crawfish (20<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to highlight the increased sightings of the species in the region and the partnership working, including the industry, Defra, MMO, Natural England SW IFCAs, processors and academics to collect more evidence and gain a better understanding to help inform future management. The news item links to a D&S IFCAs presentation about the results of data already collected by fishers on the location, size and sex of lobsters caught.

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## D&S IFCAs Submit Final Responses to Hinkley Point C Consultations (20<sup>th</sup> August)



A news item to explain how the extraction of water from the Severn Estuary for cooling purposes has the potential to kill large numbers of juvenile fish and informs the reader that EDF Energy have applied to the Planning Inspectorate to remove the requirement to use acoustic deterrents. The concerns of D&S IFCAs are highlighted via a link to the [consultation response](#) provided in the consultations held by EDF Energy and the Environment Agency.

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**Workstream A: Management of Fishing Activities**

Topic	Ref	Sub-Items	Deadline	Status	Comments
5 Year review of Mobile Fishing Permit Byelaw	A01	Working Documents for BTWG for initial drafting	12/07/19	Complete – BTWG held on 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Draft work reported to B&PSC in August 2019
	A02	Production of a report for B&PSC to discuss the review	31/7/19	Completed and circulated on 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2019	Report linked to agenda for B&PSC Meeting on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019.
Introduce Exemptions Byelaw	A03	Communication Requirements	28/06/19	Formal consultation began late June and ends 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	Newspaper advertisements supported by direct notification (Mail Chimp) and news items posted on D&S IFCA website
	A04	Manage Objections	23/08/19		Report to B&PSC (12 <sup>th</sup> Sept)
Review Management of Hand Working Fishing Activities	A05	Focus on Hand Gathering (Phase 3), Communication and Reporting	31/07/19	Consultation/awareness campaign completed. Report created for B&PSC.	B&PSC report included D&S IFCA Environmental base line information (MPA assessments) and findings of completed consultation.
Potting Permit Byelaw (To remove a Potting Permit Condition)	A06	Re-draft Permit Conditions, create new Annexes and circulate	01/08/19	Complete. New permits issued with an in-force date of 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2019	New application forms developed, and a new on-line application facility being introduced to replace old on-line shop. Final Byelaw Development report created to document rationale and process.
Diving Permit Byelaw (3 Year Review of Permit Conditions)	A07	Re-draft Permit Conditions, create new Annexes and circulate	01/08/19	Complete. New permits issued with an in-force date of 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2019	New application forms developed, and a new on-line application facility being introduced to replace old on-line shop. Final Byelaw Development report created to document rationale and process.
Angling Effectiveness Skerries Bank Angling Zone	A08	Background Report	31/06/19	Completed August 2019	Deadlines for other work areas have prevented completion of this. Draft produced on 7/8/2019. This will be checked and QA'd. Final Report to be complete by end of August.
	A09	Use background report to conduct engagement to assess effectiveness	June to Aug 2019	Ongoing	Once report is submitted to the Authority the timeline for the engagement process will be set.

Development of Mariculture Strategy	A11	Present draft strategy report to Full Authority	Draft Strategy 01/03/20	Ongoing	Meetings with industry started. Early stages of development. Meeting to be held in September to pull together information gathered so far and start to draft the strategy.
EUROHAB Project	A12	Steering Group Meetings	2019	Pulled out of Project	D&S IFCA pulled out of the project in May 2019 due to the disproportionate administrative burden of the project on officers compared to the actual work undertaken as part of the project. This created a real stretch on resources removing officers from core workstreams. However officers are still involved to a much lesser degree in the project – in terms of facilitation and liaison between the project and the mariculture industry in the district.



**Workstream B: Compliance**

Topic	Ref	Sub-Items	Deadline	Status	Comments
Evaluate the use of "Gear In, Gear Out" technology	B01	Report to B&PSC on 15 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	15/08/19	Suspended	Trials had commenced on the use of Bluetooth sensors on towed gears (trawls and scallop dredges). Trial ongoing but provider of sensors prioritising other areas of work presently.
To monitor Mobile Fishing Vessels using IVMS	B02	Enforcement work & intelligence led planning	2019/20	On going	Regular monitoring and evaluation of IVMS undertaken by officers.
Support the roll out of National IVMS Project	B03	Undertake trials of IVMS units on vessels without an on-board power supply	Report to National Project 30/04/19	Completed	Trials took place to evaluate one possible solution to using a vessel operating in the Salcombe Scallop dredge fishery. A report by the IVMS manufacturer submitted to MMO
Lobster scrubbing	B04	Identify Laboratory	30/06/19	Delayed	Renewed attempt to engage with CEFAS following recommendation by NIMEG at June 2019 meeting
	B05	Catch Inspections of Lobster & Crawfish	2019/20	Limited inspection undertaken	Inspections of lobster have been undertaken which include assessing compliance with berried lobster and crawfish legislation
Review of Patrol Vessel Assets	B06	Update on talks with EA	31/05/19	Delayed	Talks currently underway with EA and Defra Fleet services regarding use of EA's RIB based in North Devon.
	B07	Develop MOU with MMO/Partnership working using FPV David Rowe	30/04/19	Delayed	MMO has provided a draft MoU relating to the MMO use of IFCA vessels to consider
Produce Compliance and Compliance Strategy for 2019	B08	Review and update existing publication and publish version for 2019-20	31/07/19	Delayed	Final version of Strategy expected to be completed by the end of August.

Member of Tactical Co-Ordination Group	B09	Meetings held at IFCA enforcement team & regional level	3 weeks/ 4 weeks (Regional)	On going	Scheduled meetings are being undertaken
Maintain Duty Phone	B10	Document all reports of suspected illegal activity in intelligence reports	2019/20	On going	New phone being purchased to assist task
Record of Investigations	B11	Produce a quarterly Investigations Table that can also be published on website	Each Quarter	On going	All live investigations will be listed rather than officers providing a selected number.

### Investigations Table

Offence Date	Offence	Location	Outcome if Complete
30/05/2019	Crab below MCRS	Brixham	OWW issued
30/05/2019	Fishing vessel with no permit in closed area	Severn	NFA – insufficient evidence
31/05/2019	Crab below MCRS	Beer	FAP £500 issued
06/06/2019	Breach of bass regs	Exmouth	On-going
19/06/2019	Whelk below MCRS	Lyme Bay	OWW issued
30/06/2019	Recreational tag misuse	Dawlish	On-going
30/06/2019	Recreational tag misuse	Torbay	NFA – no offence identified
09/07/2019	Lobster below MCRS	Torbay	On-going
04/07/2019	Potting without a permit	North Devon	On-going
10/07/2019	Netting without a permit	Unknown	On-going
17/07/2019	Illegal net	River Dart	NFA – insufficient evidence, no suspect
18/07/2019	Diving for scallops during closed season	Lyme Bay	On-going
20/08/2019	Unmarked and untagged Wrasse pots	Plymouth	On-going

**Workstream C: Internal Working**

Topic	Ref	Sub-Items	Deadline	Status	Comments
Data Protection & Freedom of Information (Monitoring)	C01	Create a documented monitoring plan for correct use of internal filing and compliance with policy	Plan 30/06/19 Monitoring ASAP	Plan created for use by ACO	
Review Communications Strategy	C02	Submit information to DCC Communication Team for analysis	23/05/19	Complete	
	C03	Arrange a site visit/meeting to gain feedback from DCC			Meeting arranged for early September
Website Display	C04	For Draft Environment display pages to be completed by June 2019	30/06/19	Deadline not achieved. Work is in draft and on-going. New deadline set for 1 <sup>st</sup> October 2019	Some work undertaken but workloads prevented completion. New deadlines to be set by Environment Team.
	C05	For new display pages to go live by end of July 2019	31/07/19	Deadline not achieved. Work is in draft and on-going. New deadline set for 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Some work undertaken but workloads prevented completion. New deadlines to be set by Environment Team.
	C06	Re-vamp of on-line Permit Facility & go live.	15/08/19	Delayed	Delay in the online provider developing the required changes
Minutes of meetings – Circulate draft minutes within 2 weeks of meetings	C07	Full Authority		Not being met	Draft minutes currently circulated after 2 weeks, Officer manager and ACO working on improving the situation
	C08	F&GP		Not being met	As above
	C09	B&PSC		Target Achieved to date	
Update Standing Orders/Terms of Reference for 2019	C10	Full Authority Standing Orders, Financial Probity, Admin Regs	31/07/19	Draft complete for Hazel to QA	Authority agreed policies at June 2019 quarterly meeting
	C11	B&PSC TOR	31/07/19	Complete (July 2019)	
	C12	F&GP TOR	31/07/19	Complete (July 2019)	

Create new members code of conduct booklet	C13		31/07/19	Complete (July 2019)	
Update Health & Safety Policy (on advice)	C14		External advice to be appointed by 31/05/19	Complete	Peninsula has been appointed to review and advise on Health and Safety Policy
Produce Quarterly e-Newsletter	C15		31/08/19	On going	Anticipated that deadline will be met
Complete Annual Report for 2018-19	C16	Report to Defra (by November)	31/10/19	On going	Anticipated that deadline will be met

**Workstream D: Evidence**

Topic	Ref	Sub-Items	Deadline	Status	Comments
Wrasse (on-board Survey program)	D01	Conduct on-board surveys	May-Oct 19	Underway	Fishery opened in July 2019 and the start of the fishery has been slow with only one or two boats involved (due to boat issues). Surveys have commenced and will continue as often as possible until November
	D02	Produce a “highlight” report to B&PSC in November 2019 and full report for B&PSC in February 2020	30/09/19 & 30/01/20	A full report will be available for consideration at the B&PSC in February 2020	A ‘highlight’ report will not be available on 30 <sup>th</sup> September 2019 to be discuss at the B&PSC November meeting as the fishery is likely to still be active due to the slow start and data collection is likely to continue for as long as possible to look at the catch per unit effort to inform the comprehensive review.
Mussel surveys 2018 (reporting)	D03	Exe Report 2018	August 2019	Complete	
		Teign Report 2018	August 2019	Draft complete	Awaiting QA
	D04	Taw Torridge Report 2018	August 2019	Draft complete	Awaiting QA
Mussel Surveys 2019 (survey work)	D05	Exe Survey 2019	May to November 2019	Partially complete	Lympstone Beds will be surveyed before November
	D06	Teign Survey 2019	May to November 2019	Survey planning complete and on target.	Arranged for September 2019
	D07	Taw Torridge Survey 2019	May to November 2019	Complete	
Mussel surveys 2019 (reporting)	D05	Exe Report 2019	February 2020	On target	

	D06	Teign Report 2019	February 2020	On target	
	D07	Taw-Torridge Report 2019	February 2020	On target	
Control and Monitoring Plans (Complete by May 2019, Implement, publish & monitor)	D08	Lundy Island	31/05/19	Complete pending advice from NE	
	D09	Torbay	31/05/19	Complete	
	D10a	Plymouth Shad	31/05/19	Complete	
	D10b	Severn Shad	31/08/19	Complete	
	D11	Bideford to Foreland	31/05/19	Not required	NE has agreed with results of HRA, no MCP plan required
	D12	Hartland to Tintagel	31/05/19	On hold. Deadline not met due to external agencies delay in releasing data to inform plan.	Awaiting habitat mapping report from EA/NE. Expected November / December 2019
Complete MPA Assessments	D13	Complete Skerries Bank & Surrounds MCZ Assessment	31/05/19	In development	Information used to produce a short report for the B&PSC meeting in August. Full assessment will be completed by November 2019
	D14	Complete Towed Gear – Start Point to Plymouth Sound & Eddystone HRA	31/05/19	In draft.	Information used to produce a short report for the B&PSC meeting in August. Full assessment will be completed by November 2019
	D15	Other MPA Assessments to complete	2019/20	Several of these are in draft and at QA'ing stage	
Trial Seal Deterrents in Torbay	D16	ABPmer led, MMO funded pilot project	August 2019	Project completed	The trial completed on 12 <sup>th</sup> August 2019. Officers worked with fishers and ABPmer to gather data for analysis to evaluate the success of the deterrents. This involved many market surveys of the landings from the boats involved in the project. ABPmer will undertake this work and produce a report.
Hinkley Direct Cooling	D17	Respond to EA and EDF consultation	2019	Complete	



Habitat Mapping T2 MCZ, Possibly T3 evidence gathering	D18		Surveys 30/04/19 Data (Cefas Analysis 2019)	T2 Surveys completed by EA, awaiting reports  T3 surveys unknown	
Nursery Function & role of Severn Estuary	D19	Monthly Surveys	Surveys complete 31/05/19	Complete	There is potential for this work stream to be reproduced next year. Continued discussions are being held with Plymouth University.
Identify herring stock and spawning within Bristol Channel	D20	Attend four meetings	2019	Complete	Project likely to be extended for another year to have two years of data
Use of <i>Sabellaria</i> by finfish and mapping extent of it in Severn Estuary	D21	To complete project	30/04/19	Partially complete	<i>Sabellaria</i> work complete, possible additional work on finfish use are being explored.
Severn Estuary Ecological Research Forum (SEERF)	D22	Attend 2 further meetings	2019		A meeting is currently being co-ordinated.
Sea Bass Conservation UK	D23	Update on project	2020	Project expected to be complete in 2020	D& IFCA's current involvement is through dialogue, engagement and information exchange.
Spiny Lobster	D24	Monitor abundance and report to B&PSC	2019/20	On-going	Report and presentation given to B&PSC. Presentation given to fisher, academics and other regulators. Updates given to monthly fishers' meetings.
	D25	Morphometrics, tagging & genetics	2019/20	Underway	These aspects of work have commenced. Several fishers have agreed to collect samples for genetic analysis and packages of equipment have been sent to them. Officers are applying for dispensation for

					fishers to bring crawfish into port to undertake tagging and sampling.
Assist Bass PhD	D26	Assist in a supervisory role throughout 2019.	2018 - 20	Ongoing	Presentation to D&S IFCA officer 9 <sup>th</sup> September, to Defra 12 <sup>th</sup> September
Assess bycatch from SW Crab & Lobster fisheries (Fisheries Improvement Plan)	D27	Attend 3 meetings April 2019 to Sept 2020.	2019/20	Complete. MSc student assessed bycatch.	Project UK FIP is ongoing. Meetings attended in person or telecom. Last one attended on 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2019. Harvest control rules, the development of a strategy and a fisheries management plan are the current main areas of work.
Whelk Research (Spawning Season)	D28	Use additional data collected in 2018 to create a report and publish so it can be examined by B&PSC.	31/05/19	Complete, awaiting QA	
Habitat Mapping (Lyne Bay)	D29	To be undertaken by NE with possible IFCA input	2019/20	This project is not going ahead at this time.	This project depends on receiving funding. NE will notify the IFCA when or if it will go ahead.
Potting/Seagrass Monitoring	D31	6 patrols to collect data with results feeding into HRA	2019/20	3 out of 6 surveys completed by August 2019.	
Torbay MCZ Seagrass Survey	D32	Bi-annual survey/extent of beds	31/10/19	Completed by EA as part of WFD monitoring. IFCA have initial results.	IFCA accompanied the EA on part of the survey. Some data received on the extent of seagrass. Full report will be available from the EA in the autumn.
Salcombe Scallop Fishery Stock assessment	D33	Survey work due to start in December 2019	31/03/20		
Cockle Reports	D34	2018 Teign Cockle Stock Assessment	09/08/19		On track for completion by due date

## Workstream D: Evidence - Additional Work

### Reactive Work

Topic	Sub-Items	Deadline	Status	Comments
Bait digging in the proximity of <i>Sabellaria</i> .	Additional survey work planning and implementation in response to feedback from HRAs	Survey work June 2019- May 2020. Report 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	New workstream following feedback on HRAs.	
Bait digging in the proximity of High Tide Roost sites	Additional survey work planning in response to feedback from HRAs	Survey work October 2019- May 2020. Report 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	New workstream following feedback on HRAs.	
MMO Marine Licence Applications/ other consultations	D&S IFCA responds and comments on MMO Marine Licence applications as and when they become current. D&S IFCA is also asked to comment on Defra consultations and EIAs	Reactive work – as and when required	Response are completed within timescales set by the application process.	This quarter officers have responded to applications including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seaweed Farm Start Bay</li> <li>• EIA scoping Report Parsons Tunnel to Teignmouth</li> <li>• Development Noss On Dart Marine Dartmouth</li> <li>• Deposit of dredged sediments from Exmouth Marina to Sprey Point Teignmouth</li> <li>• Lower Otter Restoration Project</li> </ul>
Pot Limitation Trial – North Devon Marine Pioneer	As part of the Marine Pioneer fishers have raised the possibility of pot limitations in the North Devon area. This is being explored and will need collaboration form Defra to extend beyond the 6nm.	2020/2021	Meetings / discussions have commenced with Defra and MP partners. Next stage is liaising with fishers.	As part of the Fisheries Bill the management of non-quota species is highlighted. Defra is interested in a possible trial for pots limitations and the Marine Pioneer provides an opportunity for such as trial as it was highlighted by fishers during port meetings. This is early stages for this work and further discussions and data gathering are needed.
FOIA EIR request	Responding to three requests for information under EIR and FOIA	Aug-Sep 2019	One EIR complete	

## Engagement Work

Scale	Engagement Type	Sector	Stakeholders	IFCA involvement
National	Policy/ research group	Regulatory, academic	HBDSEG Fish Technical Sub-Group	Provide expert knowledge and advice on inshore fish research, policy and management to aid future research and reporting efforts for various national and international obligations
National	Policy/Research Group – Cefas, NE, IFCA's. EA	Regulatory, SNCB, Scientific	Inshore Marine Protected Area Group (MPAG)	Provide input into MPAG monitoring programme, disseminate information, collaboration, sharing research methodologies and analysis.
National	Research Advisory Group-IFCA's, Defra, EA, NE, Cefas,	Regulators, Scientists, Defra Family	IFCA Technical Advisory Group (TAG)	Active member of the groups sharing research and technical information and methodologies. Collaboration and information exchange.
National	Information sharing	Industry, NGOS, Academics, regulators, Defra family	Shellfish Association of Great Britain Crustacea Committee	Presentation given on the SW IFCA work on spin lobsters. Provide expert knowledge on crustacea fisheries in the D&S IFCA's District.
Regional	Local Authorities, relevant authorities, MCA, port authorities	Regulatory	Bristol Channel Standing Environment Group (BCSEG)	Provide information on activities and habitats within the district
Local	Policy/Advisory meeting	Regulatory/ Aquaculture	Torbay Harbour Master, Torbay Environmental Health Department	Enquiries have been received regarding the possibility of classification of an area in Torbay for the harvesting of razor clams. This is on-going.
Local	Sharing information and collaboration	Local Authorities, SNCBs, Interested stakeholders, regulators, Harbour Masters	Tamar Estuaries Consultative Forum meeting	D&S IFCA officers update the group on relevant workstreams and input into discussions.