

Devon and Severn IFCA News

Environment Officers Attend Technical Advisory Group Meeting

Environment officers attended and presented at the biannual IFCA Technical Advisory Group (TAG) meeting in London



The IFCA TAG facilitates the exchange of information relating to fisheries management, marine science and technology between IFCAs and other government agencies, to improve cooperation and consistency between member organisations, enabling IFCAs to be recognised nationally and internationally as fisheries managers. Two meetings are held a year and a two-day conference takes place every 12-18 months.

The October meeting was held at the Marine Stewardship Council headquarters in London and was attended by IFCA reps, and reps from Welsh Government, States of Jersey, Defra and Natural England. Topics for discussion included; new catch returns system, the Association of IFCA Marine Protected Area Project, and marine licensing and planning.

The Senior Environment Officer of D&S IFCA was invited to the meeting to give a presentation on water extraction for nuclear power stations and fish kill. This was to share experiences and discuss any issues, which may impact other IFCAs, which have arisen from D&S IFCA being heavily involved in the Marine Technical Forum for Hinkley Point C nuclear power station which is on the Somerset coast.

D&S IFCA has submitted a [detailed technical response](#) to consultations held by EDF Energy and the EA regarding the water abstraction and fish kill at the site.

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