

# Introduction of a Monitoring and Control Plan for Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ

## Officers' Recommendation

**That Members note the formal advice from Natural England and introduction of the Monitoring and Control Plan for demersal Trawl Gear in Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ**

### 1. Background

At the B&PSC meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024, Members decided

- a) ***that officers would engage with Natural England regarding the introduction of a Monitoring and Control Plan (M&CP) for demersal trawl gear vessels within the Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ.***
- b) ***If required, Officers will conduct a public consultation on limiting access to demersal trawl gear vessels with in the Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ.***

### 2. D&S IFCA Officers Engagement with Natural England

D&S IFCA's Environment officers held a meeting with Natural England on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2024 to discuss various workstreams including the M&CP for demersal trawl gear in the Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ. Following this meeting, officers finalised the M&CP. The M&CP sets out the monitoring of the mobile gear fishing activity to identify if the activity is occurring within the MCZ and if identified this would trigger further discussion with Natural England and the B&PSC to determine if formal management may be required. The monitoring of activity includes reviewing the number of Mobile Fishing Permit holders that could potentially fish in the MCZ, and analysis of IVMS data for mobile gear vessels on a monthly basis and through IVMS alert notifications to identify if this activity is occurring within the MCZ. The finalised M&CP was sent to Natural England for their formal advice on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024.

### 3. Natural England's Formal Advice

Natural England sent formal advice to D&S IFCA on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Natural England stated their advice:

*We are content that D&S IFCA have the means to monitor fishing effort within the site, and that an appropriate trigger point for MCZ assessment review has been identified in this M&CP. We agree with the next steps, namely that D&S IFCA will contact NE to discuss further action if any mobile gear fishing activity is identified within the site in a monthly review or through IVMS alert notifications.*

### 4 Next Steps

Following this advice from Natural England, D&S IFCA officers have implemented the plan and will create an internal record of the monthly reviews which will form the basis of reports to Natural England.

## Background Papers

[Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ M&CP Demersal Trawl Gear October 2024](#) - Section H of D&S IFCA's Website Resource Library

[Natural England Formal Advice](#) – M&CP Hartland Point to Tintagel MCZ 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 - Section H of D&S IFCA's Website Resource Library

[Draft Minutes of the B&PSC Meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2024](#)