

AIFCA Enforcement Strategy, Policy, and Code of Conduct and D&S IFCA's Enforcement and Compliance Guidance

1. Officers' Recommendation:

- a) That the Authority notes the AIFCA Enforcement Strategy, Policy, and Code of Conduct.
- b) That the Authority agrees to adopt D&S IFCA's Enforcement and Compliance Guidance

2. Background

Three documents developed by National Inshore Marine Enforcement Group (NIMEG) and Eastern IFCA, and the AIFCA were adopted by the IFCAs' Chief Officers at their group meeting on 12th August 2026.

The three documents are as follows:

- AIFCA Regulation and Compliance Strategy (Agenda Item 11 Annex A)
- AIFCA Enforcement Policy (Agenda Item 11 Annex B)
- AIFCA IFCO Code of Conduct (Agenda Item 11 Annex C)

D&S IFCA Officers have recognised the importance of the attempts to provide consistency across the IFCAs; however, it was recognised in the drafting phase that some IFCAs do take a slightly different approach with some aspects. Examples include the use of Simple Cautions and the decision making regarding the disposals of investigations.

3. D&S IFCA Enforcement and Compliance Guidance

D&S IFCA Officers have prepared guidance that provides more detail on how D&S IFCA apply the National agreed approach to compliance and enforcement. D&S IFCA's Enforcement and Compliance Guidance is set out as **Agenda Item 11 Annex D**.

The Guidance is designed to provide local stakeholders with greater clarity on how D&S IFCA undertakes its monitoring and enforcement duties. The AIFCA IFCO Code of Conduct is set out in the Guidance. If approved, D&S IFCA's Enforcement and Compliance Guidance will be published on D&S IFCA's website.

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Background Papers

No other background papers