Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

Formal Operating Procedure: Changes to flexible management measures

Drivers for review

- Review period (four years since introduction)
- New advice received from Statutory Nature Advisor
- New Policy
- New Evidence from:
 - Natural England;
 - Cefas;
 - Bodies or persons the Authority considers appropriate
- Monitoring and Control Plans
- New risk or threat identified

Review of <u>flexible management</u> <u>measures</u>

Consideration by the Authority*

No

Does the Authority agree to maintain flexible measures?

Notification of permit holders

No

Maintain flexible man-

agement measures

Reconsider: 'Drivers for review', the 'Review of flexible management measures' and / or the 'development of proposals' step(s).

Consideration by the Authority*

No

-Yes -

Does the Authority <u>intend</u> to introduce, vary or revoke flexible measures?

Formal consultation

Yes

Consideration by the Authority*

Yes

Does the Authority <u>agree</u> to 'introduce, vary or revoke flexible measures?

Flexible management measures

These refer to any measures which can be issued, varied or revoked by the Authority under an Eastern IFCA Byelaw. These include, for example, permit conditions and eligibility criteria.

Formal Consultation

consultation by such methods as the Authority considers appropriate with such stakeholders, organisations and persons as appear to the Authority to be representative of the interests likely to be substantially affected by the proposed changes

Notification of permit holders

Permit holders will be notified in writing of any changes to management measures

* Proposed changes to flexible management measures may be considered either by the full Eastern IFCA Authority or by the Regulatory and Compliance sub-committee.

Do the measure still fulfil intended purpose? -Yes → Do the measures have the required protective effect on Marine protected Areas and stock sustainability? Are the measures effective and enforceable? Are the measures still proportionate and reasonable? Do the measures meet contemporary fisheries management needs? No Development of proposals: Issue, Vary or Revoke flexible management measures Acquire relevant Produce impact Informal and best available assessment evidence engagement

Issue, vary or revoke

flexible management

Notification of permit

measures

holders