

MARINE CONSERVATION ZONE (MCZ) STEERING GROUP

Meeting 3	26th April 2021	2:30pm
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MEETING NOTE

Present		
Julian Gregory (chair)	JG	Eastern IFCA
Jon Butler	JB	Eastern IFCA
Georgie Roberts	GR	Natural England
John Davies	JD	Fisherman
Kevin Jonas	KJ	Jonas Seafoods
Nicola Webster	NW	North Norfolk Fishermen's Society
Johnny Seago	JSe	Fisherman
Luke Godwin	LG	Eastern IFCA
Stephen Thompson	ST	Eastern IFCA
Ron Jessop	RJ	Eastern IFCA
Judith Stoutt	JSt	Eastern IFCA
Apologies		
Keith Shaul	KS	Fisherman

Agenda Item	Key points of discussion; decisions and actions
1. Introductions/ Apologies	KS sent his apologies.
2. Action from previous meeting	<p>ACTION 3: LG to set up Management Task & Finish Group and arrange first meeting. Ongoing: LG arranging meeting for w/c17 May 2021</p> <p>ACTION 4: Management Task & Finish Group to develop objectives for the group for approval of the Steering Group. Ongoing. Objectives drafted for discussion at first Management Task & Finish Group</p> <p>ACTION 5: RJ to change Research Task & Finish Group Terms of Reference document from draft to final. Complete</p> <p>ACTION 6: LG to investigate the national vessel tracking project further and report back to the Steering Group. Picked up by ST. Complete</p> <p>ACTION 7: ST to check with Tom Bridges re. Go Pro / dashcam project and feed back to the Steering Group on costs and timescales. Complete.</p> <p>ACTION 8: LG to ask University of Essex to share a plan for the proposed film with the Steering Group. Complete.</p> <p>DECISION: Steering Group agreed it is appropriate to keep film proposal on hold.</p> <p>ACTION 9: JD to provide LG with the contact details of a local filmmaker. Complete.</p> <p>ACTION 10: JSt to invite Alice Tebb to join Steering Group as Agents of Change representative. Carried forward.</p>

<p>3. Research update (RJ, chair of Research Task & Finish Group)</p>	<p>a. Mapping chalk features: EIFCA and NE are liaising with Cefas to identify whether the granularity (detail) can be improved in the Cefas 2016 multibeam survey data. NE has bid for funds for this.</p> <p>b. Two tracker units have been sourced for trial use on potting vessels. EIFCA is developing a data-sharing agreement with JD, who has kindly volunteered to participate in the trial. JSe also offered to participate.</p> <p>Action 11: ST to provide data sharing agreement and deliver tracker to JD.</p> <p>c. The Research Task & Finish Group is liaising with Cefas regarding methods to investigate impacts of potting on chalk. This is the most difficult aspect of the project.</p> <p>d. The Group has started to explore alternative fishing gear/methods, looking at application on and off chalk areas, Cameras on boats are also being considered.</p> <p>e. A NE geologist attended the latest Research Group meeting. He provided interesting information on chalk.</p> <p>f. A partner from the University of Essex is re-examining the Phase 1 work, looking at elevation with respect to the local site rather than coral reef rugosity.</p> <p>g. NE have put in three funding bids relating to this work:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NE bid to re-analyse multibeam data • Defra marine funding group bid (£40,000) • NE internal funding bid (£40,000). <p>h. Review external funding sources, including for example the Seafish innovation fund.</p>
<p>4. Management update (LG, Management Task & Finish Group co-ordinator)</p>	<p>This Group is to be initiated in May 2021.</p>
<p>5. Communications & Engagement</p>	<p>a. It was agreed the Steering Group (SG) should focus on fishing/conservation interactions and should involve the statutory conservation adviser NE, fishery stakeholders and the fishery regulator EIFCA. The SG recognised there are wider stakeholders with an interest, and that there needs to be two-way engagement with them. It was agreed that Alice Tebb (Agents of Change) would be invited to join the Steering Group, and a wider stakeholder group could be set up to enable</p>

	<p>other stakeholders to be involved in the ARM process.</p> <p>Action 12: Alice Tebb (Agents of Change) to be invited to Steering Group (LG)</p> <p>b. The SG recognised that stakeholders need to be kept informed about fisheries management in the MCZ. EIFCA had previously agreed to create a page on their own website dedicated to the MCZ.</p> <p>Action 13: JSt to progress getting EIFCA MCZ webpage online.</p>
6. Any other business	JS noted there had been recent information in the national press about “Marine National Parks”, and that there could be confusion between these and MCZs.
7. Next meeting	Monday 24th May 2:30pm

Summary of Actions

No.	Action	Owner
3	LG to set up Management Task & Finish Group and arrange first meeting.	LG
4	Management Task & Finish Group to develop objectives for the group for approval of the Steering Group.	LG
10 and 12 (merged)	Alice Tebb to be invited to join Steering Group as Agents of Change representative.	JSt/LG
11	EIFCA to provide data sharing agreement and deliver tracker to JD.	ST
13	EIFCA to progress getting EIFCA MCZ webpage online.	JSt