



Marine
Management
Organisation

Coastal

We are the Coastal teams within Compliance and Control, part of the Operations Directorate. We are based in 14 coastal offices in 4 Marine Areas. The teams are led by Michael Coyle, supported by Marine Area Managers Roger Mason and Sean Douglas. The work of the coastal teams is carried out by Marine Enforcement Officers at various grades, HEOs, EOs and Administrative Officers.

What we do:

- We work with stakeholders in all marine industries to provide guidance and educate on compliance with regulatory requirements (Domestic, EU and International) on fisheries, marine licensing, marine protected areas, wildlife, pollution, and grants.
- We implement control procedures, undertake monitoring and inspections of activities, and enforce rules by addressing non-compliant activities.
- We work closely with IFCAs, EA, NE, UKBF, Devolved Administrations and the Royal Navy, carrying out joint work and sharing intelligence.
- We ensure that data is collected and inputted which supports enforcement, but also meets our responsibilities under the EU Data Collection Framework

Why we do it:

Our activities are carried out to ensure that the MMO meets its objectives which are set out in the MMO action plan, which will help the Defra group deliver its vision of "Creating a great place for Living". The work we do helps realise positive impacts in environmental protection and the economic use of our seas.

Key achievements:

We have implemented joint working with the IFCAs as part of business as usual. We meet at least monthly within the marine areas to share intelligence, and to plan compliance activities based on the highest risks.

We have worked with the devolved administrations and Defra to successfully implement actions to deliver activities from the Fisheries Control Regulation.

We have provided Defra with expertise and advice on control and enforcement in relation to EU exit and Day 1 readiness.

Facts:

- During 2016 MMO MEOs inspected 1,269 fishing vessels in port
- During 2016 MMO MEOs conducted 1,108 inspections of premises dealing with first sale fish
- During 2016 MMO MEOs inspected 175 vehicles carrying first sale fish
- The comprehensive training of marine enforcement officers takes around 12 months to complete before their warrant is issued
- Administrative officers ensured that in 2016 documentation for fish landings into England of 499,000 tonnes, valued at £767 million, were correct
- Administrative officers carried out over 260 single licence transfers for fishing vessels in 2016

