

# REGIONAL FISHERIES GROUP

Meeting Notes Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2021

## 4b North East

15:00 – 17:00 Zoom Conference Call

### Attendees:

#### DEFRA

Lydia Osborne

#### CEFAS

Carl O'Brien

Ewen Bell

Jim Ellis

#### MMO

Andy Newlands (Chair)

Sarah Allison

Richard Hoskin

#### IFCA

Tim Smith – NEIFCA

Mark Southerton – NIFCA

#### INDUSTRY

Kevin Henderson – fisherman

James Wood – Yorkshire Wildlife Trust

Andrew Shaw – Fisherman

#### **1. Andy Newlands - Chair**

- Welcome & Introductions

#### **2. Fisheries Management Plans – DEFRA**

- **Apologies were given from Defra who were unable to attend to cover this agenda item**

#### **3. Quota catch limits – MMO**

- **See appendix 1**

#### **4. Terms of Reference**

- Comments have been received and incorporated – no additional comments received in the meeting

#### **5. Industry Priorities**

- a. Seal deterrents – All available documents on Defra funded/ conducted surveys are available on webpages **ACTION MMO/CEFAS to provide**
- b. Squid – Cefas gave an update on Squid jigging survey in the Western Channel. There is some confusion in the tiers of management at present. i.e. which organisation is responsible for what and what mesh sizes are appropriate and what time of year is acceptable. A simplified document should be made available to give confidence to

the fleet that they are able to fish within the statutory instrument. Possibility for MMO grants funding to explore this.

**ACTION:** Kevin to speak Ewen Bell Cefas regarding the scientific study on catching squid

**ACTION:** Carl to send PDF for 2006/07 fisheries Science Partnership Survey

**6. Intro to available grants and Q & A – MMO Michael Johnson**

- Michael Johnson gave an overview of funding opportunities available to the fleet through the MMO - funding available currently is Fisheries & Seafood Scheme £6.1m available, the MMO have awarded £2m since April.
- **Grants team contact details.**
- Webpages link - <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/fisheries-and-seafood-scheme>
- Telephone: 020802 65539
- Email: FaSS.queries@marinemanagement.org.uk

**7. IFCA update – North Eastern IFCA**

- a. IFCA gave an update on Razor clams following a request to explore this as a potential fishery

**2. AOB**

- a. **Call for evidence – scallop measures – ACTION – Defra/ MMO provide links to Call for evidence process**
- b. **UK licence review**

**3. Dates for next meetings (will be arranged for the next 12 months and sent to group)**

**Appendix 1**

<b>Stock</b>	<b>U10's Comments</b>	<b>O10's comments</b>
<b>NS Cod</b>	No Comments	No Comments
<b>NS Mackerel</b>	An additional 150t have been swapped in this year in addition to the 10t initial allocation this is giving fishers 10t monthly catch limit	No Comments
<b>NS Nephrops</b>	Currently at 24% uptake for the year, an additional 500t have been traded or swapped in for the fleet, We may need to move some quota from the U10s to the O10s if O10 swaps aren't achieved.	Additional quota will need to be swapped or traded into the O10s for NS Nephrops as they are overfished – catch limits will go up to 25t from August.
<b>NS Whiting</b>	No Comments	No Comments