

[Channel demersal non-quota species Fisheries Management Plan Evidence  
Advisory Group](#)

**Meeting Minutes 10 January**

**Meeting 2**

14:00 – 15:00 MS Teams

**Agenda**

**1. Introductions**

See Annex for attendees

**2. Discussion of vision**

Comments from group:

- Sustainability in vision should cover environmental, social, and economic. MMO amended for the latest draft version of the vision.
- Asked if vision will be taken to the Working Group (WG) as the Evidence Advisory Group (EAG) is formed of mainly academics. MMO responds that the WG have seen and given feedback on the vision.

**3. Discussion of goals**

Please see presentation [here](#) for a list of the drafted FMP goals that the EAG were shown in the meeting and asked to provide feedback on.

Comments from group:

- Confusion over calling them goals when other FMP are calling them objectives. MMO responds that this has been done so the FMP goals are not confused with the Fisheries Act objectives.

Evidence theme - Goal 1

- Too many actions in short-term, need to prioritise fleets or species
- Need to explore fisher partnerships.
- Need to reword sub-goal as recreational and commercial data are different, sentiment right but not worded correctly.
- Need to map how non-quota species (NQS) are related to quota species (QS) fishing effort. It is hard to produce social activity on NQS as so linked to QS.

Evidence theme – Goal 2

- Funding goal may not be relevant or need to reword. Usual funding cycles don't necessarily align with NQS.
- Need to look into fisher partner opportunities – a channel group was set up in the past which was an international group.

- Promoting data sharing is broader than a single FMP.
- Ensure relevant data are provided to ICES in short term. Longer term need to look at status of stocks (not just English waters).

#### Social and Economic theme – Goal 1

- Needs to mention inshore stocks as well.
- Some goals might not be achievable.
- Hard to focus on social/economic indicators when NQS are caught in mixed fishery.
- Will be very different from recreational perspective and challenging to collect. Rec do bring in funding to communities but hard to quantify.
- Need methods about how we are going to use the data – hard to design a data collection programme without knowing the outcome/what the data will be used for.

#### Socio-economic theme - Goal 2

- Concerns about resources to carry out action – especially over promoting seafood.
- If promote consumption could end up over exploiting stocks.
- Maximising value of catch is overall goal not just for NQS.
- Some international markets are strong NQS markets, maybe not needed as much for UK market.

#### 4. Next steps

EAG sent goals and vision for further comments on 11/01/23

No further comments from EAG.

#### **Annex: Attendees**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Jessica Duffill Telsnig	Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Principal Fisheries Manager (Chair)
Georgia Clack	MMO Fisheries Manager (Secretariat)
Sarah Coulthard	MMO Social Science Evidence Specialist
Rebecca Korda	MMO Social Science Evidence Specialist
Leonie Remm	Defra non-quota species evidence team
Rui Vieira	Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) Evidence Specialist
Tim Smith	Inshore Fisheries Conservation Authority Fisheries Management Plan representative
Kieran Hyder	Cefas Evidence Specialist
Sam Fanshawe	Blue Marine Foundation
Aubrey Banfield	Lyme Bay Four Ports Community Interest Company
Jim Ellis	Cefas Evidence Specialist

Sophy Phillips	Cefas Evidence Specialist
Gwladys Lambert	Cefas Evidence Specialist
Danny Poulding	Representative of Shark Trust
Richard Caslake (Gus)	Regional adviser for Seafish
Arina Motova-Surmava	Head of economics team for Seafish