

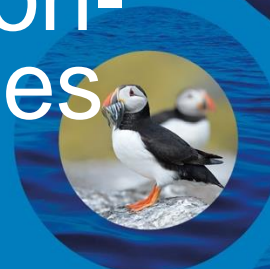
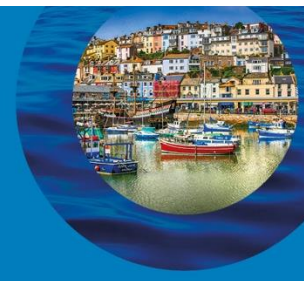


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# Channel demersal non- quota species fisheries management plan

## Working group presentations

### 25 November 2022



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The Marine Management Organisation used a series of presentations to support the Channel demersal non-quota species fisheries management plan working group meeting on 25 November 2022. These presentation slides are shown within this document as they were to the working group on the day.

Due to the fast-paced nature of the work being carried out on the FMPs and emerging evidence, all dates and commitments within this document are subject to change.



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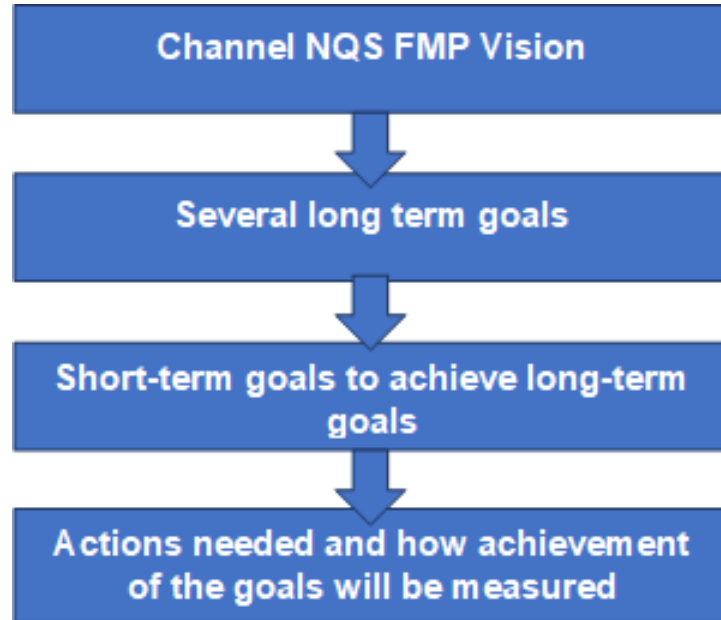
# Channel demersal NQS FMP vision

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# Background



## Example of long-term vision in fictitious ‘Bluefish’ template

*“The long-term vision of this plan is to ensure that stocks of Bluefish are to be fished at MSY for the next 12 years, which will cover two review cycles. Not only will the plan aim to ensure stocks of Bluefish are fished sustainably management (as set out later in this document) will also be implemented to reduce or at best remove the wider impacts the fishery has on the marine environment. These ecosystem management measures will ensure the fishery operates harmoniously within the wider marine environment. To do this the FMP will identify evidence gaps and put plans in place to fill them over the next 6 years. Until evidence becomes available on the wider ecosystem impacts, a precautionary approach to management will be adopted.”*

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# Scope of vision

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- The vision should be shared for all non-quota species within scope of the Channel NQS FMP vision and will not be species specific.
- The vision should be high-level and set the direction of travel for the fisheries into the future.
- The vision should contain a reference to the collaborative approach of plan development and its iterative approach to fisheries management.
- The vision should contain reference of the FMP's contribution towards the Fisheries Objectives (precautionary and sustainability in particular).
- The long-term and short-term goals of the Channel NQS FMP will help to deliver the vision.
- The vision does not need to be measurable itself but the goals to deliver it will be.

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# Question for WG

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What do you want to see included in the vision?

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# MMO draft vision

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The long-term vision for this FMP is that demersal non-quota species fish stocks in the English Channel will be managed sustainably. To deliver this, an evidence-based approach will be adopted, and management measures will be implemented using the best available evidence. Where there is not sufficient evidence available, the precautionary approach will be applied. The plan will also identify evidence gaps and detail how these will be addressed, and where appropriate, reviewed and revised. Management, as laid out within this FMP, will aim to be holistic in its approach, considering unintended consequences and work toward adopting a natural capital approach. The impact of fishing on the wider environment and its contribution to climate change will also be better understood and mitigated. Achievement of this vision will be delivered collaboratively, transparently and objectively and in an iterative approach over time.

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# EAG comments on draft vision

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## **Structure**

- Vision is long and some elements are more like principles, could change to have a few sentences on the vision and outline principles, related to Fisheries Act Objectives.

## **Change wording**

- Change 'natural capital' to ecosystem approach. Natural capital is a tool, but can't deliver ecosystem approach.
- Change 'impacts of fishing on wider environment' to 'contribute to the delivery of UK environmental targets for the marine environment'
- First sentence change to wording to 'Fisheries \*for\* demersal species' as we manage human activity not the fish.

## **Review and amend**

- Review climate change sentence and check we can fulfil commitment e.g. might not be able to mitigate climate change

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## **Additional wording/sentences**

- How FMP will meet the Fisheries Act Objectives.
- The impact of the wider environment on fishing.
- Support the industry through climate change and wider environmental factors.
- How the stocks will be managed according to the TCA.
- Further detail on precautionary approach such as including that management will be proportional.
- Make direct link to the definition of sustainability in the Fisheries Act and make it clear relating to the three pillars of sustainability– environmental, social, economic.

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# Channel Demersal NQS FMP: Developing Goals

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## Purpose of session

- To develop the themes for goals that will realise the vision of the FMP
- Agree how FMP goals will be developed with the working group over the coming weeks.

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# Introduction

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We introduced our suggested approach to goals at the last working group. To recap:

- **Long-term goals** set out what is needed to achieve the vision
- Long-term goals may be underpinned by **short-term or 'sub' goals** and **specific activities or actions**
- Together they **set purpose and direction for the FMP**
- These may be grouped into themes including **fisheries, economic, social** and **environmental** goals.
- The working group preferred the **MMO to draft goals and the WG to 'co-refine'**.

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# Long-term Goals

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## Open group discussion (approx. 20 mins)

Thinking about the session on the FMP vision:

- **How do we realise the vision?**
- **What should long-term goals cover?**
- **Are there any key themes?**
  - Think about fisheries, economic, social and environmental for example.

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# Some suggested goals/themes

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- Deliver stock sustainability
- Deliver economic and social stability
- Deliver effective management of demersal non-quota species in the English Channel
- Develop an improved NQS evidence base.
- Deliver biological sustainability
- Explore options around mitigating the carbon footprint of fisheries, as well as supporting the fishery to adapt to changing climatic conditions
- Support the industry in matters regarding marine spatial planning and spatial squeeze.
- Create initiatives to promote consumption of UK NQS

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# Example goal

Goals	Rationale	Sub-goals ( <u>can develop actions to achieve these sub goals</u> )	Timeframe	How do we know when we have achieved it?	Link with Fisheries Objectives
<p><b>Explore the need for management around interactions between the NQS fishery and quota fisheries.</b></p>	<p>Understanding interactions with other fisheries is key to developing a management regime which accounts for the operations of other fisheries, and appropriately addresses the conflicts with catching NQS with Quota species</p>	<p>Review interactions between NQS fisheries and other fisheries to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•environmental and economic impact, and</li> <li>•implications for long-term sustainability</li> </ul> <p>Understand why some NQS are retained to maximise other species by-catch limitations.</p>	<p>Long term goal (5-10 years)</p> <p>Medium term goal (2-5 years)</p>	<p>Once we understand all the interactions we should be able to produce a report/diagram of how NQS fit into the wider fishing industry which we can use when looking at impacts on them</p> <p>Work with other FMPs and their management measures to prevent the impact on NQS</p>	<p>The <b>bycatch objective</b> is that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.the catching of fish that are below minimum conservation reference size, and other bycatch, is avoided or reduced</li> <li>3.catches are recorded and accounted for.</li> </ol>

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# Developing the goals

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We'd like to develop goals and have an initial list by mid-January 2023.

We expect evidence from Cefas, MMO and Seafish mid-January 2023.

We expect that we will then need to review, revise and refine the goals so that we can then take out to wider stakeholders engagement from February 2023 onwards.

We propose that:

- We take the outcomes of this session and draft a initial set of goals
- We arrange short sessions on goal development throughout December and January – How does the WG want to do this?

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# Questions?

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# Channel demersal NQS FMP 2023 Stakeholder Engagement

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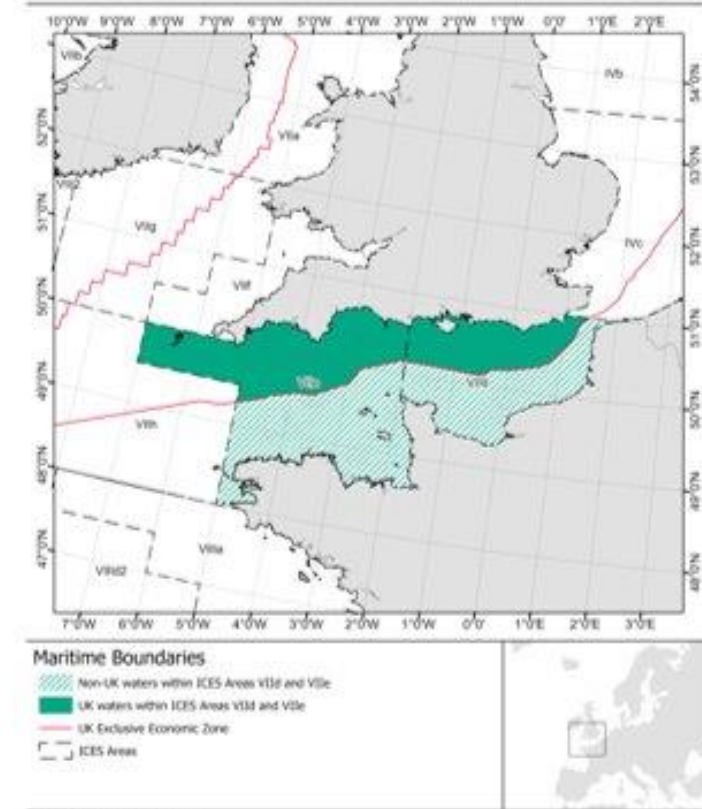
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# Background and purpose

- Aim to go back to the south coast in February/ March 2023 once we have received evidence and incorporated this into the FMP
- Targeted engagement with wider commercial & recreational sectors for input into development of FMP prior to completing draft FMP
- Taking drafted vision, goals and evidence requirements for stakeholders to challenge
- Will host both in person and online sessions and make use of lessons learnt from previous June 2022 engagement.

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# Suggested dates and Locations for week 1

Team	Date	Area	Location of engagement	Other comments
1	21/02/2023	Newlyn	Newlyn Harbour	Could use Fishing into the Future here to spread word about engagement
1	22/02/2023	Mevagissey	Mevagissey Social Club	Use local Marine Officers for engagement
1	23/02/2023	Fowey/Looe		
1	24/02/2023	Exmouth		Use local café notice boards to show engagement dates and times
2	21/02/2023 (evening)	Lyme Regis	Fishermen's College	Want to be engaged with after 6pm
2	21/02/2023 (morning)	Axmouth		
2	22/02/2023	Gosport		
2	23/02/2023	Selsey		
2	24/02/2023	Newhaven		

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# Suggested dates and locations for week 2

Team	Date	Area	Location of engagement	Other comments
1	07/03/2023	Weymouth		Could use Fishing into the Future here to spread word about engagement
1	08/03/2023	Newlyn	Cornish FPO office and Newlyn Harbour visits	Use local Marine Officers for engagement
1	09/03/2023	Plymouth	Plymouth Trawler Agents Office and portside visits	Evening meetings on Thursday best. Friday morning is not a good time.
1	10/03/2023	Brixham	Brixham Trawler Agent office and portside visits	Friday best time for meetings
2	06/03/2023	Rye	Harbour Master Office	
2	07/03/2023 (morning)	Hastings	Hastings Fishermen Protection Society	8am-12pm is best time to meet with Hastings fishermen
2	08/03/2023	Eastbourne	Portside visits	
2	09/03/2023	Shoreham	Portside visits/ group meeting in a venue	
2	10/03/2023	Portsmouth	Portside visits	

# Suggested dates for online engagement

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- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 9am-10am
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> February 12pm-1pm
- Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> Angling Trust Forum online event at 7pm
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 3pm-4pm
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 10am-11am (one last mop-up session for anyone who could not make the other dates)

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# Questions for the working group

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- Do the suggested dates work for you and the groups you represent or do you have any other suggestions?
- Do the current locations work for you and your members or do you have any other suggestions?
- What methods/ contacts can we use to generate as much interest in these events as possible?

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# Summary and Next Steps

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# Summary and next steps

Month	Proposed timeline
December 22	EAG meeting - Initial understanding of evidence gathered (students/Tranche 1) and draft goals WG provide feedback on draft goals through mini-meetings/email correspondence
Mid January 23	WG meeting - Proposed stakeholder engagement, draft goals, EAG outputs
Mid Jan	MMO receive Cefas, MMO Stats and Seafish advice
Late Jan	EAG meeting - Initial understanding of remaining evidence outputs (Cefas & MMO Stats)
Mid February	WG meeting - Evidence and how it relates to FMP
Late Feb	In person/online stakeholder engagement
Late Feb	EAG meeting - Progress update and steer on drafting evidence statement & relevant FMP sections
Early March	In person/online stakeholder engagement
Mid March	WG meeting - HSS outcomes/management measures
Late March	EAG meeting - Review of draft evidence statement and relevant FMP sections
Mid April	WG meeting – Review draft FMP
Mid May	Provide final draft version to Defra for QA

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