

Southern North Sea Non-Quota Species Fisheries Management Plan Working Group Meeting

Meeting Three

Online MS Teams 9-10am 16th January 2024

Agenda

1. Welcome and update on Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) development to date

Turnout for today's meeting was lower than expected so attendees were given the option to go ahead with the meeting, or alternatively those members who have attended meetings to date can be sent a draft copy of the document to peruse in their own time. It was agreed that the draft FMP would be disseminated to members for comment by 26th January, but with the caveat that this document is not to be shared beyond the group.

2. Overview of online survey responses

Not covered as it was decided that the meeting would not go ahead as planned.

3. Next steps

Marine Management Organisation (MMO) advised that the draft FMP is currently going through internal review and is subject to some minor changes, pending input from MMO departments.

The draft FMP will be submitted to the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) on 9 February 2024 with public consultation due some time over the summer. The FMP is to be published by the end of 2024.

4. Draft FMP run-through

- MMO provided a brief overview of the document on screen to show members how to navigate it.

- MMO highlighted that the document will be available for public consultation over the coming months and invited members to provide any additional evidence either in support of or opposition to proposed measures to MMO for inclusion in the draft document.
- Working Group (WG) member raised concerns about additional measures being put into the FMP at the later stages, without a chance for stakeholder engagement. Defra representative confirmed that there could be some minor amendments, but these would only be as a result of implementation of the Channel FMP. FMP proposals and implementation across the Channel and southern North Sea (SNS) areas need to be consistent where appropriate.
- WG member asked if the considerations for reviewing the FMP were in the draft document. MMO explained that these aren't explicitly set out in the FMP as it is still being worked through with Defra, but there are high-level monitoring indicators outlined.

Attendance

Attendees	
Name	Organisation/ Representing
Rachel Thirlwall	Marine Management Organisation (MMO) Working Group Chair
Lynne Greeves	MMO Working Group Secretariat
Phil McBryde	Defra Non-Quota Species Policy Lead
Andrew Collin	Anglo Scottish Fish Producers' Organisation
Judith Farrell	Humberside Fish Producer Organisation
Frances French	Mersea Island Fresh Catch
Richard Hards	North Sea Fishermen's Organisation