



**North Western
Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority
Meeting 1
2 November 2010, Morecambe Town Hall, 10.30 a.m.**

Agenda Item: 13

NWIFCA: TASKS TO BE COMPLETED BY 1 APRIL 2011 AND AVAILABLE FUNDING

Recommendations:

- 1. That Members note the tasks required of the NWIFCA so far identified**

Background

1. The NWIFCA is established by SI from 1 October with limited duties including planning and setting a budget for the first full year of the NWIFCA from 1 April.
2. No SFCs put aside a budget for the establishment of the IFCA in 2009-10. It was not clear when the current SFC budget was planned in Autumn 2009, what IFCA funding would be required. Until August 2010 the NWSFC did not have identified funding to run the interim NWIFCA from October 2010 March 2011.

Transitional funding from Defra

3. In August 2010, Defra identified Departmental funding of £500K to assist the transitional of all SFC to 10 IFCA in this FY. A scheme for SFC to bid for this transitional funding against identified tasks and capital spending was set up. Cumbria and NWSFC jointly submitted a wide ranging bid covering various requirements to assist the establishment of the NWIFCA and was successful as shown in the Determination letter attached at Annex A.
4. The Determination letter provides for Transitional funding of £116,000 to cover:
 - i. The costs of preparing the bids for transitional funding which required around 20 person days,
 - ii. 1 Administration post in Carnforth and 0.5 posts in Whitehaven from 1 October 2010-March 2011,
 - iii. A Fishery Officer for the new part of the District around the Dee and Mersey Estuaries from October 2010-March 2011.
 - iv. 2 quad bikes to cover additional shore work in the Dee/ Mersey and the South Cumbria areas;
 - v. A vehicle to provide transport for Fishery Officers on duty
 - vi. The set up of a new NWIFCA website, joint IT systems and branding of the NWIFCA in both the Carnforth and Whitehaven offices.

Outcome of the spending review

5. Following the outcome of the Government's public spending review, Defra announced on 21 October that there would be the sum of £3M to provide funding for the new duties required of the IFCA. The letter from Defra, attached at Annex B contains initial ideas on how this funding will be allocated between the 10 IFCA to be set up in England. Officers will work with Defra over forthcoming months to determine how the new money will be allocated and the impact this will have on the NWIFCA budget. Further information on this may be available by the time of the meeting on 2 November.

NWIFCA work plan October 2010-March 2011

6. The table below shows tasks to be completed to set up the IFCA from 1 April 2011 which require member's involvement. Further tasks may be identified and will be added to this work plan. If so, an amended plan will be presented to future meetings.
7. A detailed list of tasks to be undertaken by Officers to prepare for the vesting of the NWIFCA on 1 April 2011 has also been prepared and will be carried out using the transitional funding to be provided by Defra.

Task	Task breakdown	Timescale	Officer in charge	Members contributions
NWIFCA budget 2011-2012	Officers to draft budget Finance sub-committee to meet to discuss and approve a budget. Levies to be calculated and Local Authority members of the NWIFCA to be informed	Nov 30 20 Dec 14 Feb 2011	Finance Officers	Meetings of Finance sub-Committee tba. Finance sub-Committee to consider draft and approve budget when agreed.
NWIFCA Annual plan 2011-2012	Officers to draft plan for the next IFCA meeting	1 April 2011	CEO/ CFO	All IFCA members to consider draft and approve annual plan when agreed.
MOUs between the NWIFCA and key Partner bodies	Agreement of the general agreements with MMO, Environment Agency, Natural England and CEFAS.	1 April 2011	CEO/CFO	All IFCA members to consider draft MoUs, approve and sign final agreements.

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