

Annex 1 – Responsibilities for marine enforcement in English waters under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009

Enforcement of which legislation:	Seaward Limits (nm)	Lead post- Marine and Coastal Access Act (1)	Officers who could be cross-warranted (2)	Other officers who have powers to enforce (3)
Environment Agency fisheries legislation and byelaws (migratory and freshwater fish)	0 – 6	Environment Agency	IFCA / MMO/ Royal Navy	---
IFCA Byelaws (sea fish)	0 – 6	IFCA	Environment Agency / MMO / Royal Navy	---
UK sea fisheries legislation	0 – 6	IFCA / MMO	Environment Agency	Royal Navy
UK sea fisheries legislation	6 – 12	MMO	IFCA	Royal Navy
UK sea fisheries legislation	12 – 200	MMO	---	Royal Navy
EU sea fisheries legislation	0 – 6	MMO	Environment Agency / IFCA	Royal Navy
EU sea fisheries legislation	6 – 12	MMO	IFCA	Royal Navy
EU sea fisheries legislation	12 – 200	MMO	---	Royal Navy
Marine environment licensing	0 – 200	MMO	---	Royal Navy
MMO Byelaws (including Marine Conservation Zones and European marine sites) and the general offence of damaging a Marine Conservation Zone	0 – 6	IFCA	Environment Agency	Royal Navy / MMO
MMO Byelaws (including Marine Conservation Zone and European marine sites) and the general offence of damaging a Marine Conservation Zone	6 - 12	MMO	IFCA	Royal Navy

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General offence of damaging a Marine Conservation Zone	12 – 200	MMO	---	Royal Navy
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Conservation of Seals Act 1970	0 – 6	MMO	IFCA / Environment Agency	Police / Royal Navy
Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, Conservation of Seals Act 1970	6 - 12	MMO	IFCA	Police / Royal Navy
Offences under Habitats Regulations 1994	0 – 6	MMO	IFCA / Environment Agency	Police / Royal Navy
Offences under Habitats Regulations 1994	6 - 12	MMO	IFCA	Police / Royal Navy
Offences under Habitats Regulations 2007	12 – 200	MMO	---	Royal Navy
Legislation applying in international waters	Beyond 200	MMO	---	Royal Navy

Notes

- (1) Responsibility for enforcing the legislation is with the organisation(s) listed under “Lead post-Marine and Coastal Access Act”.
- (2) Where it is appropriate, and with the agreement of both organisations, trained officers who could be cross-warranted to enforce that legislation are given in the “cross-warranted” column. It is not solely organisations listed here who could have staff cross-warranted to enforce the legislation: people from other organisations could be cross-warranted if appropriate and they had met the required training and competency standards.
- (3) Officers of organisations who have powers to enforce, but do not have a direct responsibility for ensuring compliance, are given in the final column. For example, enforcement of the MMO responsibilities for sea fisheries and nature conservation may be carried out under contract by the Royal Navy (RN). There are also some other officers appointed under the Act, such as those appointed by Welsh Ministers, who have powers to enforce some of the legislation but these have not been detailed here.