

**NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting
16th September 2016: 1100 a.m.**

**AGENDA
ITEM NO.
15**

DEFRA MARINE REVIEW

**Purpose of Report: Update on progress with the review
.00**

Recommendations:

- 1. Continue monitoring the review through the AIFCA**
- 2. Aim to strengthen the IFCA local and national remit with funding to match any new functions**

The Marine review

1. The review aims to establish the most efficient and effective delivery model for marine functions currently undertaken by Defra group. Defra group includes MMO, Cefas, JNCC, NE, EA and IFCA
2. Of course IFCA are not NDPBs but are recognized as having a vital role in the delivery of marine conservation and fisheries management.
3. Defra mainly engages with IFCA through the AIFCA and the Chief Officers Group. The AIFCA CEO sits on some of the review committees
4. The review has adopted 6 success factors detailed in agreed terms of reference at Annex 1:
 - I. Progress towards the Government's desired outcomes for the marine environment and business gathers pace;
 - II. Net costs of marine delivery are as low as possible;
 - III. Costs of change are affordable;
 - IV. Perception of customer service quality is further improved;
 - V. External stakeholder's trust in marine delivery further improves;
 - VI. Colleagues working in delivery bodies are motivated by changes proposed.
5. A review team was set up in Defra including secondments from MMO, NE, Cefas & Defra marine policy.

Stage 1

6. A stage 1 information gathering exercise required bodies in the review to supply evidence including details of budget and staff and how resources were allocated to functions.
7. Senior officers of review bodies and other stakeholders gave the review team structured interviews and the team also attended IFCA meetings (but not as far afield as the NW!) and the AIFCA forum.
8. The review will cover 3 areas of work with subsections as follows:

Working groups	Work areas reviewed by each group				
Regulatory	Licensing and permitting	Enforcement and Compliance	Other regulatory activities		
Advisory	Planning and Development Control	Fisheries	Conservation / Environment	Emergency response	
Science and evidence	Monitoring and surveillance	Assessment and reporting	Data	Tactical research to support policy or delivery	Strategic research and analysis

Stage 1 reporting

9. Stage 1 findings were considered on 4th July 2016 but the findings have not yet been made public or even provided to IFCA. The review direction was agreed. Further work on the marine system(?) will form part of wider transformation work across Defra group.
10. Next steps will examine options to improve marine delivery based on the findings of stage 1. Immediate changes identified (if any) may be made immediately but there is no information on such changes yet.
11. The stage 1 evidence was collected prior to the EU referendum so implications of that for the review are now being considered.
12. However, there will be no immediate changes. UK is still a member of the EU and current arrangement for fishing and the environment remain in place.

CEO
5th September 2016