

North Western IFCA
Technical, Science and Byelaw Sub-Committee
18 October 2011
Strathmore Hotel. Marine Road East. Morecambe. 10.30 a.m.

AGENDA
ITEM NO.
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SEA ANGLING 2012 PROJECT UPDATE

Recommendation

The report be received

Background

1. At the last Technical, Science and Byelaw Sub Committee and the NWIFCA Committee meeting we informed members of the request by CEFAS for IFCA's to agree to aid CEFAS in the project Sea Angling 2012.
2. The project aims to capture an overview, at a national level of Sea Angling Activity within the United Kingdom over a period of 1 year commencing September 2011. All 10 IFCA's were requested to help with the shore and private boat data collection, running in parallel to several other surveys, for which funding would be provided of £11,500 for the year.
3. Following the signing of this agreement, a post for a Sea Angling Surveyor was advertised to which we had several applicants. A training day was to be held in September to provide further information to the IFCA representative and Sea Angling Surveyor about the project and the survey questions and database. Officers have compiled a list of known angling spots across the district as well as marinas, moorings and local sea angling clubs.

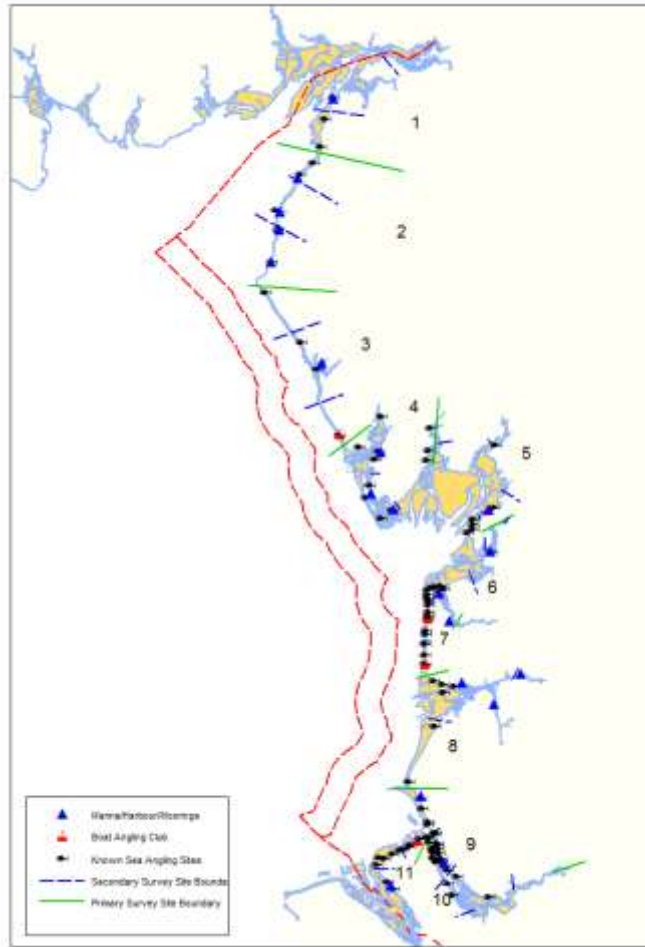


Figure 1. Development of survey areas for Sea Angling 2012 – Known Boat Angling clubs, Recreational Sea Angling Sites and Moorings or harbours identified.

Update

4. On the 24th August 2011 CEFAS informed IFCA's that the project was to be delayed till January 2012 due to delays with logistics and the questionnaires. The delay is also hoped to allow further communication with Recreational Sea Angling Clubs surrounding the negative press.
5. On the 28th September NWIFCA received a new and amended contract with CEFAS to allow the continuation of the project, with survey work to commence from January 2012. An original applicant will be approached with regards to the position of Sea Angling Surveyor

Development

6. The NWIFCA may wish to take this opportunity to decide on how to proceed in developing its engagement with the Recreational Sea Angling communities in the North West. It may be suitable to develop meeting or forum (formal or informal) to consult and advise on the approach of NWIFCA to the Sea Angling 2012 Project and other Recreational Sea Angling Issues.

7. The proposed questionnaires which have been developed by CEFAS and the steering group for Sea Angling 2012 are available for comments.

Science and IFCA Officer
5 October 2011