

## ANNEX 2

### IFCA Vision developed by Defra

The Vision Statement and has been used following 2010 Guidance from Defra to develop the high level objectives by which the NWIFCA will be judged:

**Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities will lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry.**

The High Level Objectives for 2011-2015 will be used when the first of the Secretary of State's reports into the operation of the NWIFCA will be laid before Parliament. These HLOs have been incorporated into the NWIFCA's first Annual Plan and five year plan. Those that relate to sustainable fisheries include the requirement to:

- i) key issues likely to impact on the sustainable management of the marine environment in the NWIFC district are identified and evaluated using the best available evidence and a range of management options is considered;
  - ii) the impacts that different courses of action might have in managing those key issues are thoroughly evaluated;
- By April 2012, with partner organisations develop shared objectives for the sustainable management of the District's marine environment and ensure that they are reflected in annual plans.
  - By April 2013, develop and implement action plans for communicating and educating coastal communities about sustainable management of the marine environment.
  - By April 2015, demonstrate adoption of the principles of best practice in sustainable management of marine environment for the District, as exemplified using tools such as Strategic Environmental Assessments.
  - By April 2015 at the latest, but showing progress from April 2011, demonstrate adoption of minimum standards (for example in line with government guidance on sustainable development) and a precautionary approach for the management and protection of sites of special scientific interest, national nature reserves, Ramsar sites, European marine sites, and/or Marine Conservation Zones within the NWIFC district.