

NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting
13th September 2018: 11.00 a.m.

AGENDA
ITEM NO.
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PATROL AND ENFORCEMENT QUARTERLY REPORT –
1st May 2018 TO 31st July 2018

Recommendation: The report is received

Area Summary A summary of Activity for the quarter by area is as follows:

Area	Summary points
Burgh Marsh point to Haverigg Point Senior IFCO Thinnesen, IFCO Sparks and Sirkett	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Vessel was launched in July. • Joint patrols with the MMO targeting Bass regulations. • Trawling activities have been limited in Whitehaven do to a lack of refrigerated storage. • Landings of crab and lobster increased throughout the quarter peaking in July. • IFCO's continued with shore patrols in the St Bee's area and 100% compliance was reported for adherence to the netting voluntary code of practice.
Haverigg Point to Arnside Senior IFCO Dixon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South America mussel fishery was fished by 10 Byelaw 3 permit holders • Only one boat fishing pots within the district and below average landings have been reported. • Small amounts of crab tiling were seen. • Shrimp landings have been poor.
Arnside to Knott End IFCO Waltho/Burdekin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All cockle beds have remained closed. • Recreational intertidal shellfish gatherers have been inspected gathering winkles and clams. • Limited shrimping activity has been seen of the Morecambe boats. • No Netting activity has been recorded from boats at the stone Jetty.
River Wyre- River Alt IFCO Waltho/Burdekin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased level of patrols from Lytham to Fleetwood targeting shore angling • IFCO Waltho has continued the development of the Intel project. Tasking and coordination Group meetings have been conducted with HoE every two weeks and with the Northern Marine Area every six weeks.
River Alt to River Dee- IFCOs Brownrigg, Taylor & Senior IFCO Capper	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited size mussel landings have been inspected in the Dee Estuary. • Routine ATV and shore patrols have been carried out through the area. • Bay protector assisted as a stand by vessel for the hull launch of the RRS Sir David Attenborough

NIMEG

Head of Enforcement attended the quarterly meeting of the National Inshore marine Enforcement Group in July. Standardised codes of conduct for inspections were agreed by all in attendance as

were inspection forms which will be used to comply with the Police and Criminal Evidence Act 1984.

Updates were also received on new PACE codes, implications of GDPR on enforcement and the training and accreditation scheme. HoE has been made an assessor for the project. This will be a significant amount of work but will assist in the development of skilled officers within the district

Health and Safety

No significant incidents have occurred in this quarter. Operations Manager and Head of Enforcement have continued working with the health & safety contactor in developing and managing the authority's procedure with regards to managing risk.

Fishery Specific issues

The table below summarises industry and IFCO activity during the quarter. The data has been compiled from Byelaw 3 returns and IFCO sightings.

Mussel Fisheries

After a unanimous agreement at the bivalve Mollusc Working Group Meeting in May the Authority issued an authorisation to Byelaw 3 permit holders to remove undersize mussel from a specified area on the South America/Falklands skears in North Morecambe Bay.

The authorisation was limited to specific tides starting for the 14th of May for 6 days. 10 byelaw 3 permit holders accessed the fishery during this period and 15T of mussels were landed.

Cockle Fisheries

There have been no commercial cockle fisheries during this quarter since the start of the closed season. In June and July officers began planning and working towards the opening of the North Penfold Cockle fishery which did open on the 30th of July however the stats are not within the time frame of this quarter. Two fishable days can be seen in the statistics below.

Byelaw 3 returns

Returns Compliance was poor in May. Six advisory letters were issued, five official warning letters and 5 permits suspended. Returns compliance will continue to be a high enforcement priority after the August North Penfold Fishery. There have been extremely poor returns from the two days fished in July, 53 people attended on the first day of the fishery and only 23 returns have been submitted. Sanctions are being prepared by Head of Enforcement.

Overall activity data

Activity	North Penfold (opened 30 th July)	Ribble Training Walls	West Kirby Mussel Bed	North Morecambe Bay Inc Foulney Mussel Beds
Overall Attendance (from returns)	May Closed June Closed July 53	May 0 June 11 July 0	May 1 June 5 July 19	May 20 June 24 July 84
Av per day	May Closed June Closed July 23	May 0 June <1 July 0	May <1 June <1 July <1	May <1 June <1 July 3
No. inspected fishing	May Closed June Closed July 85	May 0 June 0 July 0	May 0 June 0 July 0	May 0 June 0 July 0
No. Inspected off	N/A	0	0	0
No. MLS inspections	N/A	0	0	0
Days covered by IFCO's	2	0	0	0
Reported landings	May Closed June Closed July 15,960 kg	May 0 June 2,353 kg July 0	May 250 kg June 5,000 kg July 13,800 kg	May 11,120 kg June 10,942 kg July 61,423 kg
Man hours	May Closed June Closed July 190	May 0 June 24 July 0	May 5 June None submitted July 4 (not all submitted hours)	May 49 June 63 July 320

Sanctions, Infringements and Court Activity

A summary of sanctions used this quarter is given in the table below.

Sanctions	Comments
Verbal	14
Advisory Letters	6
Official Warning Letters	7
Home office Cautions	
FAPs	
Permit Suspension	5 permit suspension for failure to comply with B3 returns.
Prosecutions Pending	1
Prosecutions	
On-going investigations	3

Shore Based Activity Report

A summary of the shore based activity is given in the table below. Areas the IFCO's focused on during the quarter were:

- Intelligence led bass enforcement patrols
- Shore patrols surrounding beaches at St Bees

Number of:	Haverigg Point – Burgh Marsh Point	Haverigg Point – Arnside –	Arnside – Knott End –	River Wyre – River Alt –	Mersey, Wirral and Dee
Shore patrols*	62	72	40		57
ATV patrols	3	15	11		12
ATV patrol hrs	4.5	25.49	19		15
ATV kms covered	89	272	209		170
Inspections under taken	176	123	33		121

*undertaken either by vehicle or on foot without using ATV

Maritime Activity Report

A summary table of Maritime patrols is provided below in Annex A.

A full activity report is provided in Annex B.

Annex A

Vessel	No of patrols	Patrol time (hrs)	Distance patrolled (nm)	Boarding's	Closings	Sightings	Static gear inspections
Solway Protector	1	2.25	21	0	4	6	0
Protector Bravo	4	10.67	119	0	14	20	21
Protector Gamma	2	3.5	35	0	0	5	0
Bay Protector	10	47	630	33	29	66	0
Zodiac Bravo	7	9.75	82.7	0	11	2	2
Totals for the quarter	24	73.17	887.7	33	58	99	23

Annex B

Patrol Vessel	Patrol Date	Patrol Time (hrs)	Distance (nm)	Area Covered	Risk/ Purpose	Sectors Covered	No. Boarding	No. Closings	No. Sightings	No Static gear Inspections
Solway Protector	05.06.18	2.25	21	Whitehaven to St Bees Head, return to Parton	Potting & netting activity	- Cumbria Coast MCZ - St Bees Head Voluntary Code of Practice	0	4	6	0
Total		2.25	21				0	4	6	0

Patrol Vessel	Patrol Date	Patrol Time (hrs)	Distance (nm)	Area Covered	Risk/ Purpose	Sectors Covered	No. Boarding	No. Closings	No. Of Sightings	No of Static gear Inspections
Protector Bravo	04.05.18	4	58	Whitehaven to St Bees Head, Couderton, Sellafeld & Ravenglass	Potting netting Byelaw 26 compliance	- Cumbria Coast MCZ - St Bees Head Voluntary Code of Practice	0	9	11	4
Protector Bravo	09.05.18	2.5	30	Whitehaven to St Bees Head & Harrington	Potting & netting	- Cumbria Coast MCZ - St Bees Head Voluntary Code of Practice	0	3	4	5
Protector Bravo	16.05.18	1.84	15.5	Whitehaven to Saltom Bay, St Bees Head & Couderton	Potting & netting	- Cumbria Coast MCZ - St Bees Head Voluntary Code of Practice	0	2	2	9
Protector Bravo	28.06.18	2.33	15.5	Whitehaven to Workington	Potting & netting	North of Whitehaven	0	0	3	3
Total		10.67	119				0	14	20	21

Patrol Vessel	Patrol Date	Patrol Time (hrs)	Distance (nm)	Area Covered	Risk/ Purpose	Sectors Covered	No. of Boarding	No. of Closings	No. Of Sightings	No of Static gear Inspections
Protector Gamma	10.05.18	1.5	15	Walney Channel	Recreation, charter angling potting etc	EMS Walney Channel	0	0	0	0
Protector Gamma	28.06.18	2	20	Walney Channel	Recreation, charter angling potting etc	EMS Walney Channel	0	0	5	0
Total		3.5	35				0	0	5	0

Patrol Vessel	Patrol Date	Patrol Time (hrs)	Distance (nm)	Area Covered	Risk/ Purpose	Sectors Covered	No. boarding	No. Closings	No. Sightings	No static gear inspections
Bay Protector	05.05.18	4	38	Liverpool Bay	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA	6	1	7	0
Bay Protector	14.05.18	3.08	54	Liverpool Bay, Dee Estuary	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA; Dee Estuary SAC; Dee Estuary SPA	4	0	6	0
Bay Protector	15.05.18	6.25	65	River Mersey, Liverpool Bay, Dee Estuary	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA; Fylde Offshore MCZ	0	6	6	0
Bay Protector	18.05.18	2.92	46	Runcorn Bridge, Liverpool Bay	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA; Mersey Estuary SPA	0	2	2	0
Bay Protector	01.06.18	4.5	50	Liverpool Bay, Dee Estuary	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA; Dee Estuary SPA	8	3	11	0
Bay Protector	10.06.18	10.25	130	River Mersey, Liverpool Bay to Fleetwood	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA; Morecambe Bay Heysham Flat EMS Shell	6	13	20	0

						Flat & Lune Deep SAC				
Bay Protector	26.08.18	4.25	74	Liverpool Bay, River Ribble	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA	0	2	2	0
Bay Protector	27.06.18	3.5	56	Liverpool Bay, Dee Estuary	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA; Dee Estuary SAC; The Dee Estuary SPA	3	0	3	0
Bay Protector	28.06.18	4.25	85	River Mersey, Liverpool Bay, Dee Estuary	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA	5	0	6	0
Bay Protector	14.07.18	4	32	River Mersey, Liverpool Bay	Recreation charter angling	Liverpool Bay SPA	1	2	3	0
Total		47	630				33	29	66	0

Patrol Vessel	Patrol Date	Patrol Time (hrs)	Distance (nm)	Area Covered	Risk/Purpose	Sectors Covered	No. of Boarding	No. of Closings	No. Of Sightings	No of Static gear Inspections
Zodiac Bravo	29.05.18	1.25	20.8	Fleetwood	Recreation charter angling	Morecambe Bay EMS	0	0	0	1
Zodiac Bravo	30.05.18	1.5	11.7	Lytham	Recreation charter angling	Morecambe Bay EMS	0	6	0	0
Zodiac Bravo	31.05.18	2.25	19.2	Barrow	Recreation charter angling	EMS Walney Channel; North Morecambe Bay EMS	0	0	0	0
Zodiac Bravo	07.06.18	0.5	3.3	Morecambe – Stone Jetty Slip	Angling & shrimping Byelaw 6	Morecambe Bay EMS	0	1	1	0
Zodiac Bravo	10.06.18	1.75	13.4	Morecambe, Heysham,	Angling, shrimping &	Morecambe	0	0	1	0

				Power Station, Ocean's Edge & Scalestone Point	Sabellaria reefs Byelaw 6	Bay EMS				
Zodiac Bravo	28.06.18	1.0		Barrow	Recreation charter angling Byelaw 6	Morecambe Bay EMS	0	0	0	1
Zodiac Bravo	04.07.18	1.5	14.3	Lune	Recreation charter angling Byelaw 6	Morecambe Bay EMS; Shellflat & Lune Deep SAC	0	4	0	0
Total		9.75	82.7				0	11	2	2