

Third Annual Report

April 2013 to March 2014



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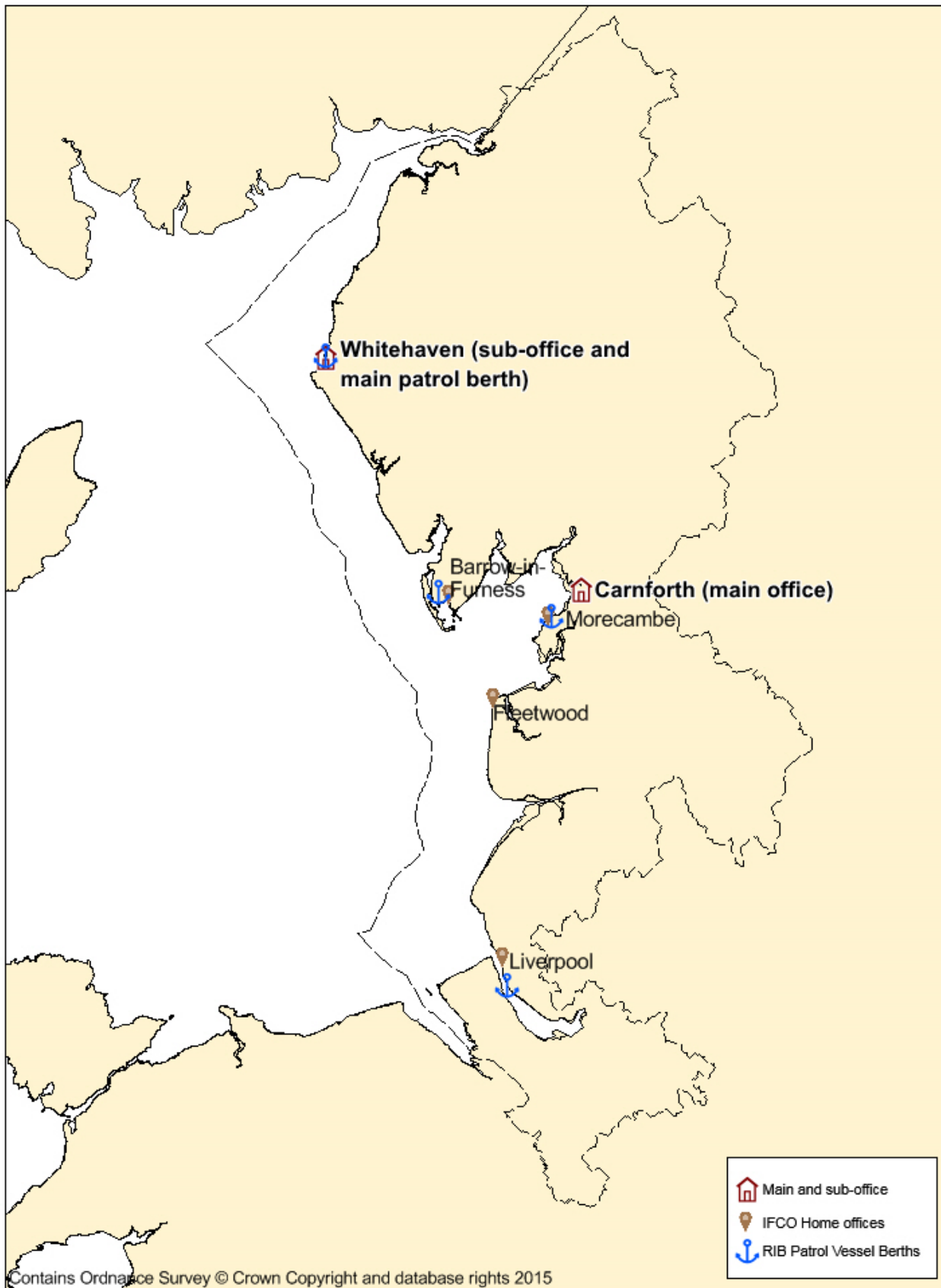


Fig 1 NWIFCA District showing location of offices and patrol vessels

Section 1: requirement and scope

1. The NWIFCA is the lead Authority for conservation of the sea and the regulation of fishing in its District. The Authority has statutory duties in the Marine & Coastal Access Act (MACAA) 2009 for sustainable exploitation of sea fisheries and protection of the marine environment.
2. MACAA requires IFCA to publish by 1st April each year, an annual plan for the coming year and an annual report for the previous year in line with Defra guidance. NWIFCA plans, reports and constitution, are published at <http://www.nw-ifca.gov.uk/>. This Annual Report records progress against the objectives in the annual plan for 2013-14.
3. IFCA performance is assessed under a Defra monitoring framework comprising vision, success criteria (SC), high level objectives (HLO), and performance indicators (PI).

The District

4. The NWIFCA District is defined in SI 2200 and shown in Fig 1. It extends to the 6 mile line as shown from the baseline of coastal waters. The coastline contains important large estuaries: Solway Firth, Ribble Estuary, Mersey Estuary, Dee Estuary and Morecambe Bay. There is a relatively small length of open rocky coastline around St Bees Head in Cumbria. A wide range of habitats and species of conservation importance are represented in the District and many different types of fishing are practiced to a greater or lesser extent.
5. **Fishing activities:** Around Cumbria, fishing for *Nephrops* (scampi / Dublin Bay prawn) continues to be the predominant activity. Prawn stocks may be holding up well, as a result of reduced finfish predation. Dover sole, brill and turbot, plaice, cod, codling, skate (thornback ray) are subsidiary fisheries. Intertidal fisheries for mussels predominate along with periwinkles, cockles, razor fish and significant crab, lobster and whelk fisheries.
6. In the southern part of the District, fin-fisheries and potting continue to be much reduced. The Dee cockle fishery was a beacon of productivity this year with cockles largely absent from the rest of the District. Small scale musseling, shrimping, netting angling and trawling for bass plaice, dab, fluke, whitebait, mullet and codling continue at the usual locations.
7. Angling, nets and lines are set from shores and piers. Hobby fishing from boats is increasing with angling, potting for lobster, crab and whelks and various types of netting all found. Bait (peeler crabs, lug, rag and other worms) is collected on many shores. Razor clams and other bivalves are collected from shores on the Wirral and Sefton coastline on the biggest tides by fishermen from as far south as the Midlands.
8. There were 168 over 10m and 95 under 10m licensed and registered vessels fishing within the District in 2014. These figures are obtained from the MMO website, combined with IFCA data collected when undertaking inspections of local and visiting vessels who regularly fish and land within the District. There are approximately 330 mostly small unlicensed/unregistered hobby fishing vessels.

Section 2: Performance against NWIFCA priorities and objectives for 2013-14

IFCA Vision: to lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries in its District by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry

Table 1: NWIFCA operational priorities for 2013-14 as determined in the annual plan		
	Priority	Progress and output
1.	<i>To deliver the Government's new approach to European Marine Site (EMS) management.</i>	<i>NWIFCA supported development and implementation of this policy adjusting other priorities to accommodate the level of work required.</i>
2.	<i>To enact a bylaw to protect EMS from the most harmful types of fishing, continue replacing byelaws under priorities identified by the bylaw review process and continue development of a Fishery Order for Morecambe Bay.</i>	<i>IFCA Byelaw 6 drafted and consultation underway. This byelaw will protect reef sites in the District from bottom towed gear. Work on other new and replacement byelaws continued</i>
3.	<i>To develop and improve compliance with shellfish regulations.</i>	<i>Skills and capacity of enforcement team expanded through appointment of a full team improving training and increasing our 'on the ground' presence. Numbers of sanctions increased compared with previous years.</i>
4.	<i>To further review the sustainability of fisheries in the District mainly by assisting the work of 'Project Inshore and the ongoing Liverpool University studentship.</i>	<i>Extensive comments made on stage 2 and 3 reports of project inshore. Advice provided to LU student.</i>
5.	<i>To enact a Fishery Order for Morecambe Bay</i>	<i>Extensive discussion of detailed measures followed by comparison of FO with byelaw powers leading to review of the need for an Order.</i>
6.	<i>To support the designation and management of Marine Conservation Zones (MCZ)</i>	<i>Extensive consultations and presentation of information on MCZ tranche 1 sites</i>
7.	<i>To obtain funding for a new main patrol vessel</i>	<i>Procurement delayed by re-assessment of the size of vessel affordable. Ongoing at the end of the reporting year.</i>

Table 2: Products and outcomes against Defra Success Criteria and Objectives		
Success criterion 1: The NWIFCA has sound governance; staff are motivated and respected.		
No.	Objective	Output
1a	Annual plan 2014-15 approved by NWIFCA and on website by April 2014	Complete.
1a	Annual Report for 2012-13 approved by NWIFCA and on website by November 2013.	Complete. Report delayed by EMS work. Approved at March 2014 meeting
	Comply with financial regulations and achieve a satisfactory report from internal and external Auditors	Complete
1c	Review Risk Management Strategy, Strategic and Operational Risk Registers for 2013-14 Audit.	Complete. Strategic and operational risk registers were reviewed in April 2013 for the audit and approved by auditors. Risk registers are part of the Audit report
1d	Continue development of staff management system.	Complete and ongoing. Job plans and work programmes were reviewed by line managers during the year.
1d	Review NWIFCA Health and Safety Policy quarterly and maintain officer H&S training	Complete and Ongoing. Policy reviewed for each quarterly meeting. Officers are trained at induction. A skills and training audit is under development. No H&S incidents recorded.
1e	Maintain skills and training audit and identify gaps and needs analysis. Work with partners to establish joint training	Ongoing. Training Audit updated. Mandatory training is up to date. Officers attended MMO fisheries, courses and other personal development training
1f	Officers and members have involvement in policy development.	Ongoing. Continuous open consultation on all issues takes place at and between meetings.
Success Criterion 2. Evidence based byelaws are used to manage sustainable exploitation		
2a	Issues affecting sustainable management are identified and management options considered..	Ongoing. Technical Science and Byelaw Sub-Committee agrees fisheries management and byelaws including emergency byelaws.
2a	Byelaws meet the requirements of Defra guidance and information management is effective and secure	Complete and ongoing. All byelaws are scrutinised by MMO and Defra. Data and information is electronically stored securely. Repeated scientific survey keeps data up to date
2a	Initiate a district-wide assessment of the effort level of recreational fishing (including bait-digging)	Ongoing. Sea-angling 2012.Report received and presented to NWIFCA verbally by Cefas. Well received and follow up under consideration.
2b	By 2015 All legacy byelaws have been reviewed.	Ongoing. Good progress made but behind schedule. This objective delayed by changed EMS priorities.
2b	Review and replace Fixed Engines byelaws	Ongoing Byelaws reviewed in 2011 with EA.
3. A fair, effective and proportionate enforcement regime in place		
3a	Maintain multi-agency joint enforcement committees.	Ongoing. Committee in place and convened as required for Southport, Lytham, Morecambe Bay and Duddon Estuary.
3a	Review, implement and publish on website an enforcement policy framework, and inspection code of conduct in compliance with Regulator's compliance code.	Complete and ongoing. Implementation of risk based enforcement continued. Prosecutions and statistics are reported in Section 5
3a	Establish national standards, national peer review, and training under SLA between IFCA, MMO, EA, NE with secondment	Ongoing. Accredited IFCO training and standards in development.

	processes	
3b	Ensure all officers are trained in the enforcement framework	Complete and ongoing. Officers are trained at induction and attend national training as required by NWIFCA training programme.
4. NWIFCA works in partnership with stakeholders		
4a	Demonstrate that MoUs with key partners are being utilised	Ongoing. National MOU with MMO, NE, EA and Cefas in place. MMO, EA, NE and others contribute to work planning, reporting, daily operations and many projects.
4a	SLAs with lead Local Authority and key partners are agreed and adopted	Not progressed. No requirements identified. Extensive joint working ongoing.
4b	Update databases of stakeholders and contacts	Complete and ongoing
4b	Develop data sharing with partners	Complete and ongoing. Agreements to share data for science and enforcement in compliance with Data Protection Act. See 5b. Authority contributes to national programmes such as Medin.
4b	Develop and implement stakeholder engagement strategy	Complete and Ongoing. Public meetings, consultations, text alerts, newsletters, website, press releases
4b	Publication of a quarterly newsletter (Also HLO 6b & 7b)	Complete and ongoing. 2-3 editions of newsletter per year. .
4b	Website functioning review and update monthly.	Complete and ongoing.
4b	Publish and review Freedom of Information scheme.	Complete and ongoing.
5. The NWIFCA use best evidence to deliver objectives		
5a	Develop procedures, plans and records systems to demonstrate use of the best available, quality-assured evidence in all decision-making in compliance with national and EU legislation.	Complete and Ongoing. Documentation of all policies and decisions takes place through reports to Authority showing evidence used. Data held by the Authority is stored electronically and in reports.
5a	Annually publish a research plan showing links to partners' work	Complete and ongoing. The 2014-15 science plan was a section in the annual plan approved March 2014 Science and research in Annual reports.
5a	Research reports are published on website.	Complete and ongoing. Science reports on website and reported to Defra, AIFCA, TAG
5b	As part of MoUs, agree and share research tasks, evidence gathering and data sharing	Complete and ongoing.
5b	Contribute to national and regional evidence networks	Complete and ongoing. NWIFCA contributes to research networks.
6. NWIFCA promotes sustainable management of the marine environment		
6a, c	Start review fisheries and a sustainable management plan for North West England seas by: i) Identifying each agency's roles and duties, at local and national level; ii) Identifying shared objectives and overlapping responsibilities in managing the marine environment with partner organisations and how these impact on NWIFCA's objectives; iii) State shared objectives in Annual Plan	Ongoing. Project Inshore is ongoing. Partners interests researched and noted in annual plans and reports. EMS, MCZ, WFD and MSFD contribute. Liverpool University PhD sponsorship initiated.

	iv) Ensuring delivery of WFD & MSFD objectives.	
6b	Develop communications with coastal communities	Complete and ongoing. Communications strategy approved.
6c	Implement principles of the UK Marine Policy Statement and Marine planning	Complete and ongoing. MPS implemented in NW by all delivery. MP not yet implemented in NW.
6d	Apply precautionary approach in management of all MPA.	Complete and ongoing. EMS and MCZ management include precautionary approach. All new activities subject to assessments as required.
6d	Representation on MPA management committees	Complete and ongoing. NWIFCA are represented on site management committees.
6d	Apply Government guidance on sustainable development	Complete and ongoing.
7. IFCAs are recognised and heard		
7a	SLAs with partner organisations agreed as required	Complete and ongoing. Agreements in place to jointly regulate shellfisheries, share intelligence and permit holder data.
7a	MoUs with key partners reviewed	Complete and Ongoing. National MOU with NE, MMO, EA Cefas agreed
7b	Officers trained to promote the aims and ethos of the Authority	Complete and ongoing through induction programmes and staff meetings
7b	Measures of behaviour in place to guide relations with the public and officers of partner organisations.	Complete and ongoing in Officer training, management and Communications Strategy.
7b	Contribute to the development of a national framework for monitoring and evaluation	Not yet been initiated
7b	Conduct inventory of all assets and equipment	Complete and ongoing. Reviewed in 201-14.

Work not covered in Table 2

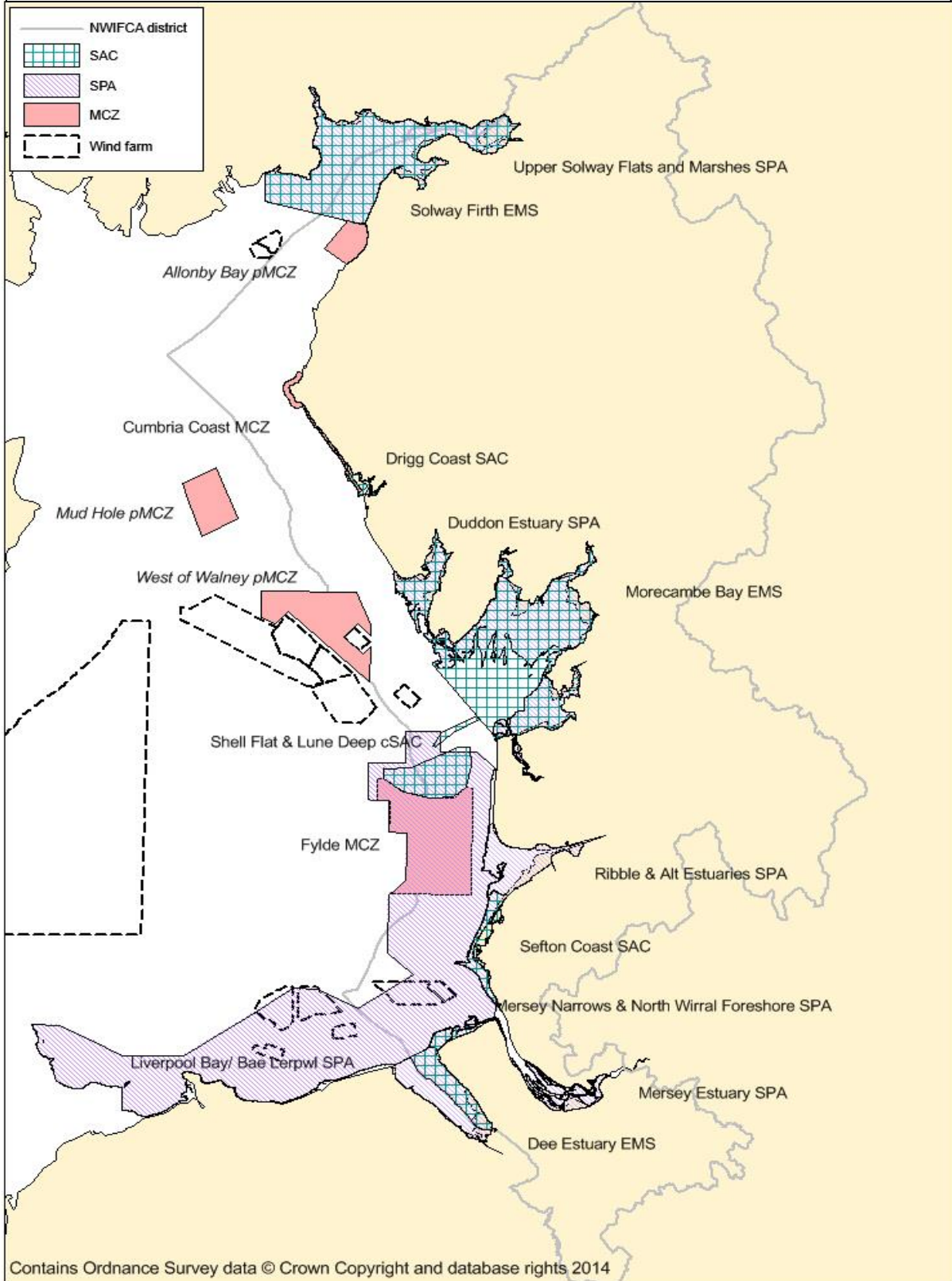
Communications and publicity.

9. Implementation of Text Alert system for Byelaw 3 permits holders was well received.
10. AIFCA communications workshop attended by NWIFCA Communications Officer was aimed at developing common approaches to stakeholder engagement and partnership working.
11. 3 editions of the newsletter published.
12. New signs at Heysham put up to raise awareness of Byelaw 5. (Heysham Bass Byelaw Nursery Area). A meeting for anglers in Morecambe was attended by 11 anglers and 2 members of the Port Police.
13. Stakeholder meetings took place in Silloth and Walney in connection with the EMS fisheries management review to disseminate information and gather feedback on the proposed closed areas for the Morecambe Bay seagrass and Walney Channel and Solway boulder and cobble reef (Byelaw 6).

Mussel fisheries

14. Following the ending of the Foulnaze cockle fishery in the Ribble in early 2013, commercial stocks of cockles were absent from the District in 2013-14. Mussels, mostly in the North Morecambe Bay area became more than usually important for Byelaw 3 permit holders and size mussel fisheries continued throughout winter 2013-14.
15. Seed mussel fisheries in the same area were authorised for both the hand working and dredge sectors.
16. The accumulation of seed mussel on the Foulney Oyster farm led to a request for a NWIFCA authorisation to remove the seed which was granted. However the operator attempted to develop a commercial fishery using the seed and operate this in a way which discriminated against some Byelaw 3 permit holders. Therefore the NWIFCA Authorisation was withdrawn and a new Authorisation offered which would have to be non-discriminatory. This was not taken up by the Oyster farm but the question of fishery rights on Boughton Estate land again came to the fore. By the end of this reporting period, the question was unresolved but the Authority is aware that further legal investigations are likely to be needed to clarify the ownership of fishery rights.

Fig2. Marine protected areas in NWIFCA District



Section 3: Resources

Funding

17. No increase in the Local Authority levy was requested so there was a real terms reduction in core funding equivalent to inflation. A summary of income and expenditure is shown in table 3. The Audited annual return with risk registers is available from the Clerk. The outturn for the year 2013-14 was well within budget. Staff changes and delays in recruitment resulting from other work pressures reduced staff costs.

Table 3: BUDGET REVIEW FOR 2013-14			
	Annual Budget £	Actual £	Better(+) or Worse(-) than Budget £
EXPENDITURE			
Employees	868,481	828,092	40,389
Premises	52,400	52,452	-52
Transport	275,016	227,551	47,465
Supplies/Services	69,550	57,599	11,951
Support Services	22,260	22,638	-378
Authority & Audit	17,300	20,169	-2,869
Total Expenditure	1,305,007	1,208,501	96,506
INCOME			
Levy	1,164,007	1,164,007	0
Shellfish sampling	14,000	16,297	2,297
Miscellaneous Income	0	4,878	4,878
Byelaw 3 Permit Fees	124,000	88,550	-35,450
Interest	3,000	6,423	3,423
Total Income	1,305,007	1,280,155	-24,852
Operating Surplus/-Deficit			71,654

Officers, training and staff management

18. NWIFCA has 20.5 FTE staff. The 2 main groups (Carnforth and Whitehaven) remain difficult to integrate. New phone and IT systems have been installed to address this as well as more regular staff meetings although the distance between the offices makes combined meetings expensive in time and travel. The new Head of Enforcement, appointed January 2013 is creating a more integrated and unified programme of work for enforcement officers across the District. Staff and line management structure is shown in Figure 2.
19. Science Officer Ms Mandy Knott was promoted to Senior Scientist from April 2013 with responsibility for management of the science programme and line management of 2 Science officers.
20. Ms Sarah Temple was appointed to the science team in September 2013. Sarah has valuable consultancy and scientific fieldwork experience.
21. Mr Jason Sparks was appointed to the Whitehaven IFCO vacancy in March 2014. Jason came with a variety of experience after a career in the armed forces

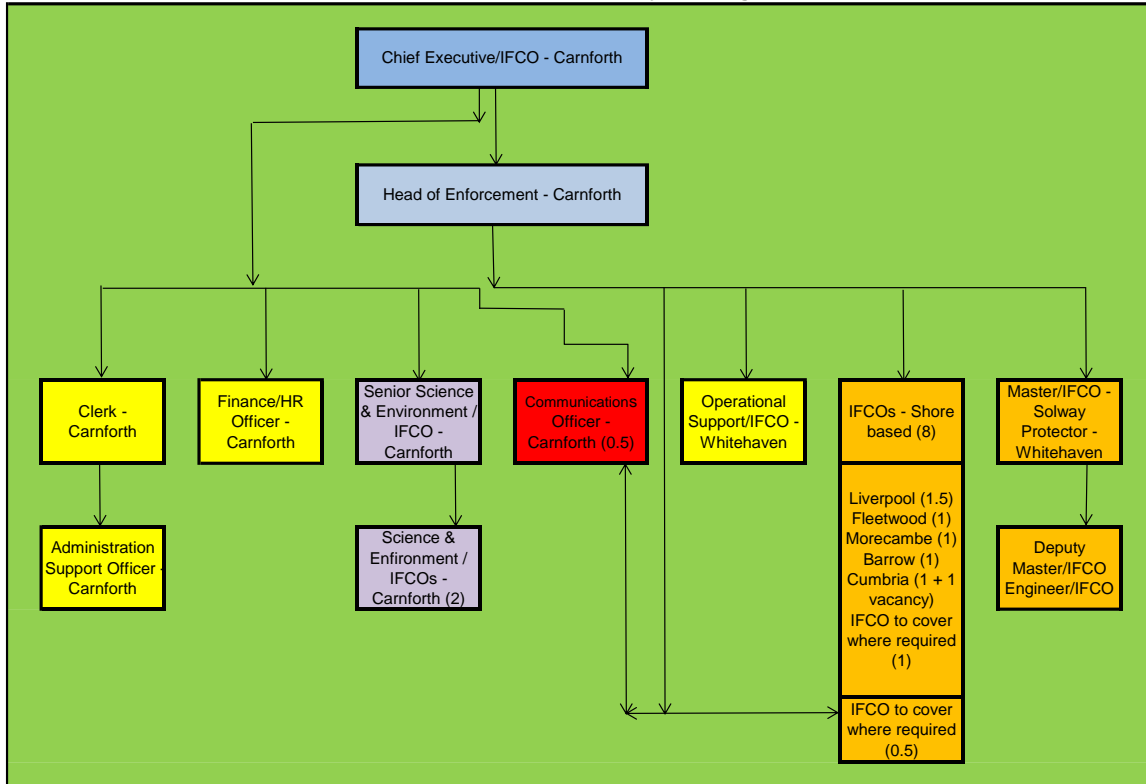


Figure 3 Showing Staff resources and line management.

Officer training capability assessment and staff management

22. The NWIFCA training programme includes:
- I. Mandatory training for new IFCOs in safety procedures and essential skills. This training is audited, updated and refreshed as required.
 - II. A core 1 week training course held annually provides the basic IFCO warrant qualification. New officers do this course in their first year and at 3-5 year intervals. Further development and specialist training is provided by MMO and Defra.
 - III. Tailored and 'off the shelf' training and methods to meet organisation and personal objectives for each officer, bridge skills gaps and assist delivery of the best outcomes;
 - IV. Monitoring and evaluation of training to achieve added value and effectiveness with ongoing assessment of existing and future capabilities expected;
23. New members receive an induction pack about the IFCA and the role of members from NWIFCA and initial training from MMO.
24. New IFCOS attended training courses in their first few weeks provide the skills to undertake their field based tasks. Courses include Sea Survival, First Aid, Health and safety, Quad bike use, VHF radio use.
25. The staff management system for each officer includes a review of training completed and an assessment of training requirements. Officers are encouraged to take training as part of personal development in areas they wish to pursue to improve the skills complement of the

Authority. An inventory of all training undertaken and renewal schedule is maintained and updated annually to provide a NWIFCA capability assessment.

- 26 IFCOS are trained to work to standards set out in the Health and Safety Policy, the Risk Management Strategy and the Enforcement Policy including the adopted Code of Conduct for inspections
- 27 The aim of this training is to promote consistency and high standards in all activities particularly enforcement and inspections. The training programme is reviewed annually in order to check that training is focused on these objectives and amendments will be implemented. The programme will be monitored and evaluated to assess its effectiveness, and to evaluate specific training methods and products.
- 28 **Job plans and work programmes** were monitored and reviewed by line managers throughout the year.
- 29 **Training completed in 2013-14:** Two science officers Abigail Leadbeater and Sarah Temple attended the core 1 week IFCO training course in Feb 2014 and are qualified to carry the IFCO warrant
- 30 Officers attended a wide range of personal development training in addition to the mandatory training required for their specialist roles. Officers' training needs and aims were kept under review by line managers. An audit of training completed is maintained.

Assets and Equipment (premises vessels, vehicles)

- 31 NWIFCA has leased offices in Carnforth and Whitehaven and rented small industrial facilities used as base for local IFCO operations and storage of quads, ribs and equipment in Whitehaven, Ulverston, Carnforth, Morecambe, Liverpool
- 32 The Main Patrol Vessel is FPV 'Solway Protector'. A 16m Arran hull with crew of 3-4 coded to 60 miles with a range of survey and enforcement equipment. Procurement of a replacement for 'Solway Protector' is underway. In February 2013 Local Authority members agreed that a vessel should be built. A lease purchase agreement is likely to be needed to acquire the size of vessel deemed necessary. Lancashire County Council agreed in principle to undertake the tender exercise. By March 2014, the size, scope and cost of the vessel was still under consideration
- 33 RIBS: provide an effective inshore patrol service. All meet MCGA coding requirements. A new RIB is being procured in Liverpool to patrol the Mersey, Dee and inner Liverpool Bay

Whitehaven	FPV Protector Bravo	7m	1999
Barrow	FPV 'Protector Gamma		6m 2011
Morecambe	Zodiac		4.5m .
Liverpool	FPV Protector Alpha	5.4m	1994

- 35 Patrol vehicles: 2 Landrovers, Nissan Patrol, 2 Isuzu 4WD, 1 Renault Traffic Van with Radar. Science vans: 2 small Renault vans . ATV quad bikes (7)

Section 4: Governance

Table 4: Members of the NWIFCA and their affiliations 2013-14

Council Members of the NWIFCA and numbers of appointees	Appointee at 31-3-14	Previous members at 1 April 2013
Blackpool Borough Council (1)	Cllr G Coleman	Cllr. C. Maughan
Cheshire West and Chester Council (1)	Cllr M Byram	
Cumbria County Council (2)	Cllr AJ Markley Cllr K. Little	
Halton Borough Council (1)	Cllr R. Hignett	
Lancashire County Council (2)	Cllr L. Beavers Cllr. K. Brown	Cllr. S. Leadbetter Cllr. A. Thornton
Liverpool City Council (1)	Cllr T Beaumont	
Sefton Council (1)	Cllr J. J. Kelly	
Wirral Metropolitan Council (1)	Cllr R. Hignett	
MMO Appointees and their Affiliations:		
Marine Environment	Dr E. Baxter	Ms C. Reed
Marine Industry	Mr R. Benson	
Commercial Fishing (shellfish)	Mrs J Butler	
Marine Science	Dr J.A. Clark	
Commercial Fishing	Mr D Clarke	
Anglers and Recreational Fishing	Mr B Crawford	
Anglers and Recreational Fishing	Mr D. Dobson	
Marine Science	Prof C. Frid	
Commercial Fishing	Mr R Graham	
Shellfish aquaculture	Mr D. Grunshaw	
Marine Environment	Mr D. Harpley	Ms Y. Yadi
Commercial fishing and aquaculture	Mr T. Jones	
Fisheries management	Mr A. Maltby	
Marine	Mr J.D. Murphy	
Commercial fisherman	Mrs M Owen	
Recreational fishing	Dr P. Williams	
Commercial fisherman	Mr C Woods	
National Agency appointees		
Natural England	Chris Lumb	
Environment Agency	Bill Darbyshire	
Marine Management Organisation	Richard Littleton	Neil Robinson 8/10/13

36. The NWIFCA meets quarterly with sub-committees in between as needed. Full meetings are open to the public but may be closed for confidential matters. Standing Orders are in the constitution and on the website. Meeting papers are published on the website 7 days in advance of meetings when possible.

Dates of meetings 1st April 2013 to 31st March 2014

NWIFCA Quarterly Delayed by weather from March	19.04.13	Morecambe Town Hall
Technical, Science and Byelaw Sub-Committee	11.05.13	Carnforth Office
NWIFCA Quarterly (Annual) meeting	14.06.13	Morecambe Town Hall
TSB Sub-Committee	16.08.13	Carnforth Office
NWIFCA Quarterly	20.09.13	Morecambe Town Hall
Vessel meeting	22.10.13	Carnforth Office
Finance Sub-Committee	22.10.13	Carnforth Office
TSB Sub-Committee	01.11.13	Carnforth Office
Chairman's Sub-Committee	19.11.13	Carnforth Office
Finance Sub-Committee	06.12.13	LDNP Office, Kendal
NWIFCA Quarterly	06.12.13	LDNP Office, Kendal
TSB Sub-Committee	06.12.13	LDNP Office, Kendal
NWIFCA (Special Meeting)	11.12.13	Carnforth Office
Chairman's Sub-Committee	28.01.14	Carnforth Office
NWIFCA (Special Meeting)	28.01.14	Carnforth Office
TSB Sub-Committee	07.02.14	Carnforth Office
Finance Sub-Committee	21.03.14	LDNP Office, Kendal
NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting	21.03.14	LDNP Office, Kendal

37. Council members are the Finance sub-committee responsible for the budget. A Chairman's Sub-Committee decides on sensitive issues including staff and HR matters.

Service standards

38. The NWIFCA is committed to being transparent and accountable. Partners and stakeholders should know the level of service they can expect. Service standards, a Freedom of Information Act publication scheme and a complaints procedure are in the constitution. As a public sector body and an employer, the NWIFCA complies with Equality Act legislation and standards.

Section 5: Enforcement and joint working.

39. The Authority aims to be an efficient and fair enforcer using a range of enforcement measures and sanctions within the framework of the **Compliance and Enforcement Strategy** and in compliance with the Regulators' Compliance Code, and Hampton Principle's. The Strategy is available from the NWIFCA office or from the website. It was reviewed in March 2013

North Western IFCA Patrol and Enforcement work in 2013-4			
Category	Metric	Description	Number
At sea	number of vessel patrols	number of patrols from any vessel, (mother/daughter counts as one patrol)	96
	number of boardings	number of boardings/inspections of any vessels at sea (includes kayaks, dive boats, angling and commercial boats)	30
	number of gear inspections	number of inspections of fishing gear deployed in sea	96
On land	number of shore patrols	number of days where a patrol of any length, for any purpose, to any location was carried out includes visits to 490 ports and other landing points	1078
	number of port visits	number of individual port visits (there may be multiple port inspections within a shore patrol) - visits to ports whilst undertaking shore patrols	634
	number of premises inspections	includes shops, wholesalers, stalls, markets, auctions inspected	35
	number of landing inspections	landings of fish from a vessel inspected first hand on initial landing	97
	number of other inspections	inspections of any other activity including vessel gear checks in port, divers, shore anglers, beach inspections, vehicles, lorries etc	1727
Outcomes	number of verbal warnings	includes verbal rebriefs	71
	number of written warnings	includes gear offence and seizure notices issued at sea	8
	case files generated	Includes those where a legal sanction is expected	3
	formal cautions offered and accepted	may be more than the number of case files if there are multiple offenders within a case	0
	number of FAPs offered and accepted	may be more than the case files if there are multiple offenders within a case	1
	number of individuals prosecuted in court	this may be more than the number of case files if there are multiple offenders within a case)	3

Solway Protector Patrol and Enforcement work in 2013-14

	Total	
Number of patrols and passages	43	
Total distance covered (miles)	2122	
Seatime	283.23	
Fuel used (gallons)	5649	
<u>Total identified sightings:</u>	376	
Local	196	
Visiting	180	
<u>Types of fishing vessels sighted:</u>	<u><45'</u>	<u>>45'</u>
Trawlers	98	68
Twin Rig Trawlers	0	100
Shrimpers	4	0
Potting Boats	39	0
Scallop Dredgers	2	0
Netters	2	0
Anglers	63	0
<u>Total:</u>	208	168

Joint working

40. Working together has achieved better implementation of national legislation such as shellfish hygiene registration documents and safe use of small boats. The key is planning and implementation of comprehensive regulations in collaboration with other regulatory agencies. The most important partners are relevant Local Authorities, Environmental Health Services, Gangmaster Licensing Authority, Police and MCGA.

Contributions to Partner bodies

41. **North West Coastal Forum:** The CEO is a Director and contributes to discussions on management of the Celtic and Irish Seas.
42. **European Marine Site (EMS) management committees** such as Morecambe Bay Partnership and Solway Firth Partnership.
43. **Association of IFCA (AIFCA)** is a co-ordinating body for IFCA and national projects such as new EMS management, national consultation responses.