

NWIFCA Meeting

18th September 2015: 1100 a.m.

**REPORT
NUMBER
9**

STANDING ORDERS

Purpose: Discussion of Standing Orders

Recommendations:

1. **The Authority decides to:**
 - a. **Continue work on amending current Standing Orders OR**
 - b. **To retain the 2013 version unchanged.**
2. **If (a) then the Standing orders at Annex A are discussed and further developed by officers for the next meeting.**

Background

1. NWIFCA 2013 Standing Orders were based on Sea Fisheries Committee Standing Orders.
2. The reason for the suggested revision of the 2013 Standing Orders was to draft more modern wording relevant to IFCA duties and function. This is in line with many Councils and other public bodies (including some other IFCAs) who aim for documents in modern plain and accessible English.
3. It is the duty of the Authority of each regional IFCA to set its own Constitution. There is no national standard or other regulatory body.

Progress to date

1. Amendments to update NWIFCA Standing Orders were proposed for the meeting on 12 June 2015 at which Members made further suggestions.
2. A “track changes” version showing the suggested Standing Order amendments was requested on 12th June 2015 and this has been circulated to members.

A New Draft of Standing Orders (Annex A)

- i. A new draft of Standing Orders is at Annex A incorporating some (but not all) comments received. Other points suggested may be discussed at the meeting to clarify what should be included so final approval of this draft is not expected at this stage.
- ii. The new draft removes redefinition of the quorum for NWIFCA (in response to a Member comment that this cannot be changed as it is defined in the Statutory Instrument).
- iii. To clarify, Members can adopt any, all or none of the proposed changes; Members may also make suggestions for further changes.
- iv. Officers suggest further redrafting and consideration of other dated and less relevant sections is undertaken for the next meeting.

**CEO
9th September 2015**