

UK Fisheries Improvements Channel Scallop FIP Steering Group

Thursday 8th February 2018, 10.00 – 15.30
Jury's Inn, Western Way, Exeter EX1 2DB

Welcome Introductions & Apologies

Attendees:

AG: Adam Green	Lyons
AL: Amanda Lejbowicz	MSC
BB: Bill Badger (conf call)	DEFRA
BBS: Bryce Beukers-Stewart	York University
CM: Christina Mangano	Bangor University
CN: Chloe North	MSC
CP: Claire Pescod	MSC
EB: Ewan Bell	CEFAS
IS: Iain Spear	Coombe Fisheries
JP: Jim Portus	SWFPO
JH: Juliette Hatchman	Macduff
NR: Nathan de Roz	Falfish
RLH: Rhiannon L Holden	MSC
RH: Ruth Hoban	NESI
TH: Tim Huntington	Poseidon

Apologies:

GC: Gus Caslake
AP: Andrew Pillar
EB: Estelle Brennan
MK: Mike Kaiser
MW: Mark Webber
PB: Pia Bateman
SP: Simon Pengelly
HM: Hannah Macintyre

Minutes & Action Points

There were no comments on the minutes

We went through the actions from the last minutes, people updated on their actions: BB produced a document about consultations in Defra, this was sent round the group. EB/AL sent round the minutes of the ICES meeting where the stock assessment was discussed. CN/EB & AL had a meeting to assess whether the requirements of the MSC standard were being met by the English Water Scallop Stock Assessment Project, Cefas concluded that for the moment, all data that needs to be collected is being, but in the future, management may be on a different spatial scale and data may

need to be collected at a higher resolution. TH needs this conclusion written up, to demonstrate that the analysis has happened.

Meeting action 1: AL/EB write up the analysis of whether more data needs to be collected for MSC Principle 1 or not.

Number	Lead	Action	Status
1	BB	to consider consultations and this project, and provide some information to the group about how best to proceed.	Complete
2	AL	to provide the minutes of the scientific meetings where the stock units and assessment are consulted upon, such as the ICES WG Scallop	Ongoing
3	CN	to create dropbox for the Steering Group members to upload documents to.	Complete
4	CN	to have P1 meeting with AL and set up contact between AL and Shetland P1 assessor.	complete
5	AL	to write a document showing that Cefas has assessed whether they need further info for P1.	Ongoing
6	CN	to set up another more in-depth presentation of the ETP research for those interested.	Complete
7	RHoi	to progress getting the ETP research peer reviewed	Ongoing
8	CN	to organise another FisheryProgress webinar.	Complete

Update on Project

This is the annual FIP meeting of the FIP where we assess progress. We have just finished Year1 of the implementation phase. The report will be ready early April. If you are leading on an action this is an opportunity to ask TH. MSC can provide input to MSC process and examples of certified fisheries, TH can provide information on how auditors assess particular Performance Indicators.

PUKFI is expanding in to a second stage to include Scottish and Irish sea scallops and nephrops. We have some existing funders funding this as well but also some new funders such as Whitby Seafoods, Associated Seafoods, Lidl all on board. It is at the very early stages of setting up the steering group.

The group was asked if they wanted the FIP to be put on the FisheryProgress website. JP said that the webinar was useful and recommended that the FIPs be uploaded. AG said that UK retailers, look at it because it distinguishes between comprehensive and basic FIPs and is a really useful tool. RH supported it from the supply-chain side as well. It was decided to put the FIP on the website.

The group was asked if they wanted to review the chair because it is in the ToR that we revisit this on a 12month basis. The group was happy for MSC to stay as chair for the next year because of the independence and understanding of the process.

Action updates, Principle 1, Action 1 – Stock assessment

The English Waters Scallop Stock Assessment Group (EWSSAG) is conducting research with Cefas. The EWSSAG is action lead in the PUKFI action plan. The year 1 milestone was to ensure that stock assessment is peer reviewed externally by other scientists.

The that stock assessment was presented to ICES and EB/AL will send the report when it is produced. The stock assessment has not been presented outside of the project group yet, until it is published in March.

EB gave a presentation on the work so far. It is a highly collaborative project between Cefas and industry, working together to arrive at solutions. This year they have assessed the state of the stock and the rate at which the stock is being exploited. However, they only have one years' worth of data so far. They have undertaken video surveys and dredge surveys and raise that up to estimate the MSY. They have also looked at age profiles. The data is gathered at ICES rectangle resolution. It looks at 4 areas: the northern part of eastern channel and 3 areas in the western channel. There are different growth rates and production regimes in the different areas.

The Dredge survey identified where the main beds are using VMS data and random stratified design. The industry chose some sampling stations to allocate 30% of the time to in the survey. There is now an estimate of fishable biomass. There is no commercial scalloping activity in some parts of the western channel because of fixed gear, other legal restrictions or unsuitable ground for dredging. The survey went into 3 of these unfished areas and took a camera. They are also doing biological sampling of landings using a red and blue bag scheme. The red bags get filled with randomly sized scallops and get measured at the processing factory to give length distribution data, and the blue bags get sent to Cefas to give age profile data.

In the Eastern Channel they didn't get permission to dredge on the French line so it wasn't sampled. They have extrapolated biomass estimates but the data is quite patchy with 46 stations. In the Western Channel 110 stations were sampled.

The TV survey work in unfishable areas, found considerable biomass in those areas, but they didn't do any TV work in the eastern channel so this needs to be addressed for future years and refine tv survey methodology, before they do another in 2019. There needs to be a particle tracking exercise to understand how important these areas are to seed the fished areas.

It was highlighted that occasionally beam trawlers catch high volumes of scallops and that needs to be taken account of.

If there are gentleman's agreements of areas of no dredging, that don't appear on official maps. A code of conduct would give this more validity.

TH concluded that this work has exceeded the year 1 milestone.

The next steps are that Cefas will continue to refine the methodology and totality of stock capture. The next question is what is the most biologically appropriate way to manage the fishery? The discussions on management areas will arise out of the stock assessment, but it is too early in the first year. This FIP is looking at the Channel fishery but the stock assessment work will be all English waters and this is a question that will affect the entire fishery.

Meeting action 2: CN to reword that action to reflect that the stock assessment project is for all English waters.

Some members of the group are concerned about displacement in the scallop fleet and feel that management discussions must consider all of UK fleet.

The industry has commissioned a report to look at the UK scallop fishery as a whole, and give a comprehensive review of current management needs.

The year 2 milestone is maybe quite ambitious given that the SICG and wider industry will be wanting to consider management of the fishery as a whole. Broad engagement with the industry is important.

Meeting action 3: CN to change Year 3 change milestones- stock units being considered into stock management units and how they can be incorporated

Action updates, Principle 1, Action 2 & 3

We considered both actions 2 & 3 at the same time. They are both led by Jim and Juliette as representatives of the SICG. The first milestone is for year 2 after the stock assessment has been delivered.

The group decided that for year 2, we should set up a management sub-group that can discuss details that the whole steering group may not have to be involved in. It should start work when the review of management needs (that has been commissioned) is complete. The SICG will also be talking about management then so we must ensure to add value.

Meeting action 4: CN & JH to develop scallop management sub group

The next SICG is around May or June time. CN was invited to give an update on the PUKFI work.

TH suggested that we create a fisheries management plan, with long term objectives and short term objectives embedded in, as well as any voluntary measures. This ticks many Principle 1 & Principle 3 boxes as well. As an assessor, do this, specific for the fishery- ticks boxes for 3- fisheries management plan. UK level, English level. Nested within that.

JH: Linkage 3.2.1?

TH: yes, Canadians produced plans- makes so much sense- considering at this stage. Harvest strategy and control rules part of this plan? Long term objectives and short term objectives

JH: Industry, formalise? Over the next 12 months dynamic document?

TH: Update as we change. As we get certified re-certification current document.

CP; Likely to come from the SICG, do not represent every scallopers, processors and catchers- issue, represented,

CN: Consultation of everyone down the line?

JP; Bill there/. Embedded in that plan

JH: Useful to speak to you, what would be great to have in a management plan

TH: ACTION for tim to send examples of management plans

JH: ifcas need to be included

EG: Ethical side of things? Doesn't need that to hit the MSC principles yet, is that something we should talk about soon

JH: Is it appropriate to discuss now

CP: When it is brought in, may not be around the management plan area

JP: We don't mind having this conversation

CP: Whether we have that here today

CN: Some FIPS priorities? Does have to be in the FIP overall,

JP: Happy to tell you what we Are doing

TH: Whether there are any overall issues

CP: IN addition to the MSC, not a requirement, new social standards brought in?

BS: Likely?

CP: Potential that fisheries sign up to other codes of conduct?

RH: is it likely that it will be in the 4 years

CP; Standard review? This year in October, 3 year cycle?

AL: Decision for the moment, developing world countries child and illegal labour

RH: may not be a bad idea, to have it covered in the action plan

CN: Hard to know what framework

CP: we Could add this on,

CN; Figure out some sort of aim

BS: What is the actual aim. Multiple objectives, improves sustainability, others could be improving ethical, ensuring they have a product that consumers but, conservationist less of impact and we can do whatever we want for it/

CP: Jim comments of people would want as an additional thing, talk to SICG?

CP: Inclusion in march, public consultation Circulate around ACTION. Child labour and forced labour, 30 days consultation, come into practice on February 2019. In the standard. Years time to comply.

TH: That would be our fishery, so it would probably be a good idea to look at that.

CP; Discussion internally, unlikely to have a social part- encourage an uptake of other social standard, RFS in the UK , group may want to think abiu tither fisheries signing up to RFS standard, cost implications may not want to include in the FIPs. Once we know the social

JP: Speaking at CEO of SWFPO, discussed at scallop committee, cannot do nothing as the implications due to negative press and publicity and other publications. All agree there is good management, biggest proportion of vessels, well understood. Outside the EAA, tarred by the alleged actions of the very few, well aware of allegations and incidents publicised. Take soundings with human rights at sea, good ethical practices. Catching sector also high ethical standards and products in supply lines also in the those vessels. Taking the problem seriously. SWFPO by far biggest

producer organisation, dedicated scallop committee, important to us that supply lines are not interrupted by bad publicity. Very difficult to issue press release, might be edited and issue something for trade press but not interfered with, guardian treat it differently. Ask further questions, between us and supply lines. We want that conversation with supply lines. Guardian readers will make up own minds,

BS: Ultimately customers?

JH: Supply chain can help

RH: Issues raised, are having conversations, that these risks are being identified, may not necessarily be the best team. Detailed topics, different groups., keep it in mind and are aware of what else is happening. Work with the groups

JP: engage with ethics CRG, of seafish that we are aware of what is happening

RH: will effect Scottish FIP,

CP: adding an action 12, closely monitor self declaration inclusions to look at consultation in march, discuss we want to sign up to that

JH: Other FIPs! Same issues

CP: Objection, mention of that objection in article Shetland scallops? They did issue a response

CP: Take ACTION feedback from the consultation and update everyone on? From MSC process point of view. Start.

RH: Maybe not right group for wider, labour discussion? Standards linkage, if anyone is attending would be nice to have?

JP: Living conditions consultation hear in march/april, distillation of responses what MCA will do about it, implementation of law has been given 12 months ACTION to circulate around group

CP: Press release from Nicola, global commercial director and Yemi from developing world send that around as an action! Not one global social standard could sign up to, RFS, Monterey bay tool? If they are interested?

EG: 199 vessels, 5 certified by the RFS, received low risk status.

CP: Interested in peoples thought

EB: No distinction between queen and king?

TH: Both listed. - critical/critical?

EG: Summary the same for north queen and king

JP: Pure ignorance in my opinion

CP: Circulate around different reports.

Action updates, Principle 2, Action 4

CP; Information for stock assessment

CN: Briefly, this action still on P1, identify whether there are information gaps to fill

TH: This is to identify any gaps, looks at stock assessment and harvest control rules and strategy. Ewan no critical gaps, may be on the other side.

EB: In order to be able to address all potential management strategies, more spatial management, under 12 activities. One area that we would need other bits of data, monitor data and stock, where the areas are and how we need to fill them,

TH: Brief position paper before the end of march.

CP: Annual review, actual position paper ACTION

BS: under 12 activity, questionnaires- in the past

JH: have you found them successful?

BS: Isle of man, cardigan bay, English channel

BS: go in person, face to face?

TH: get that paper

CN: monitor this at future meetings

Action updates, Principle 2, Action 5

Cn: EMFF Funded bits Ewan has done an analysis from the observer program

EB: work we were contracted primary and secondary species. Within the channel two main focusses for scalloping activity. Two sea areas, present two distinct compositions. Landings dominated by dredgers, focussed on the observer data

EB: looking at bycatch, technical regulations needs to have a 5% bycatch limit, data skewed only used observer data record whole catch and sub sample whole catch. Limited number of recorded target for sampling is 12 trips a year, focus is to collect information on dead discard of quota species and dredging catches low impact of field and relatively low numbers of trips allocated to them and low number not been able to look at seasonal profile, looked at how discarding changes

TH: percentage of trips?

EB: Send this ACTION

EB: recording number at length per species, working flat out, weight length conversion factors only for commercial species,. Flagged up in report and need to be addressed in the future and only presented in terms of individuals and raise up to fleet level, bycatch per million scallops

EB: Looking at number of species recorded per trip there is a lot of variance at- most of the trips observing small catches and a lot of variance and overall trend the more diversity with more animals caught take this into account when your looking at bycatch data make sure it is representative.

EB: Grouping species, how they have ranked species by frequency, eastern channel plaice , on

EB: Proportion of bycatch, retention rates, looked sold bycatch, 68%

EB: 7E curve flatter, dominate bycatch crab, much higher observations of crab in the western channel, fewer trips in 7d. true reflection of?

JP: 7E not known for crab fishery

EB: Less than 10 observations

TH: Less than 5% catch,

EB: Surprised that cuttle is only less than 0.4%

CN: Could be a function of when observer trips

BS: Bycatch limit biomass, by number- individual?

TH: Convert to biomass, to get 5% threshold-

EB: This is a critical data gap being able to convey

BS: may be able to help with that

TH: Need to be addressed

EB: 11/12 cuttle on the ground, contribute to diversification lack of dominance going down, lower bycatch component

EB: what report consists of, some of the data is not robust enough to make further conclusions

EB: see recommendations on presentation. Not obligatory to take observer onboard. Some of scallop rate has a higher refusal rate? Looking at the total cost of having an observer on board, 1000 day- not cheap, expensive way of collecting data. Boost that additional funds for that. And the design of how we go about programme, needing snapshot? Satisfy criteria with one years data, continue supporting it.

TH; 7e or 7D?

EB: Depends on what the standards require, particular level of so many % trips required,

TH: 5%

EB: 1% to 0.05% of trips being observed

TH: Variability, much variation?

CN: Gather data, using the technology?

EB: expensive to install, being used in Scotland- zone where you need to reduce dredges per side, all inside 12. Any vessels that can carry more vessels, systems can be 7 cameras and streaming videos. Looking at stuff when vessels come in- potential to do that.

EB: If you only want data from 1-2 years may not be possible

CN: MSC not prescriptive on how much data needs to be collected?

TH: every few years, maybe focus on 7d, enough to draw conclusions. Self sampling?

JP: Not bycatch, Ewan is correct- cuttlefish dependant on seasons- above 5% - non tac species and thwe % was more amenable 10% (20 years)

JP: After Brexit change the rules?

TH: Self observer data,

CN: easiest option? EMFF money, application for? Pay for a snapshot of observer trips for the year?

BS: Cameras for project, how much the cost- data collect- 400, cameras available fishers operate, fun data to process. Student project.

CM: Deployed in cardigan bay, isle of man, results of course- presentation – convert length and weight and estimation of abundance and idea that 6 of these- buying another 5, help fisherman on board, validate to with observer data. Camera on board, correlation on board, published by Natalie. To look at bycatch and possible to measure scallops.

CN: Whole of the channel? 7 d,

CM: Look at specific survey plans, and boats to cooperate, and conveyor belt-

BS: switch on and off by the fishery.

CM; Voluntary basis- GPS- cover this gap?

TH: Two groups, come together- additional onboard observers- little bit more of data?

EB: Interested to see how it works on the conveyor? Properly sorted.

BS: Trial needs to be done, subsample of the catch

CN: Part of the cefas work to come up with plan on how to fill those data gaps, more information on habitat work with this to feed in? Advice amount we are going?

EB: not necessarily, till we see how that system can deliver on scallop boat?

EB: sort through catch? Not seen the results for that

BS: No promises here,

CP: CEFAS EMFF BID design the trial

EB: health and safety, and another piece of kit need to address that

Cn: good addition

EB: other than tried and tested methodology, need to see how the system is going forward

TH; Observer data required?? ACTION?]

Cn: anyone of EMFF

BB: no

NR: March 21st panel, Michael depend on timelines talk to one of them

CN: more info about EMFF bid? Information from CEFAS and tim provide information ACTION

Cp: in terms of the observer programme? SWFPO- anything we can do to help

JP: Need to have discussions with owners and provide info, help facilitate?

CN: additional observer work? Happy?

JH: high refusal rates, find more information of that ewan?

EB: Explore more steven mangi

EP: Design trial, group funding?

JP: Scallop sector- 60% of votes not in producer organisation, plead with them to be sympathetic or say nothing to non-sector.

JH: Through SICG we reach more

JP: Try and push buttons. Attitudes may have changed

CP: Take as action to update to group about funding ACTION, letters of support, general letter from group, made a hugs

Action updates, Principle 2, Action 6

CN: action 6, is ETP action. Rhiannon did GIS based risk assessment- did webex presentation familiar with results

Bs: camera

CN: management survivability-

JP: Trying to catch things that's that size- damage?

BS: remarkably tough- rays are rarely damaged- lots of data in the irish sea.

JP: commercial consideration

BS: consideration-16 years of data

TH: come back to- surveys- fish bycatch, only one

BS: surveys from 1990, rare monkfish- significant little earner in the early 90s- keep them, extra pounds, very rare-

JH: we do keep them0

TH: Done- industry practical, management approaches move into next 12 months

JH: is it needed?

TH: Probably needs something done for rays. Decide whether it is necessary

TH: Survivability high

JP: codes right into management-

EB: IUCN red list- quota for? Surprising- Small eye prohibition, thornback/blonde? Is there is sufficient concern-?

TH: May not be necessary? Code of practice to maximise survival! Add weight

NR: shark trust and NESI, safe handling of skates and rays

RH: SFSAG, code of practice suitable measure.

CP: Circulate guide bring into boats ACTION

BS: Survival- no real effect on what, initial impact to teeth- level of damage and mortality-

CN: Define action lead, spear head for action- code of practice

NR: in small numbers- characteristic species- if the work is needed?

TH: got to come from Tim,

JP: Expressed concern, worried about- derived species.

JP: something taken out of proportion go back to MSC, lets get a sense of proportion and sense of proportion now rather than weight.

TH: peer reviewed? Get paper done,

CN: Management measures waiting to get peer reviewed?

TH: Clear peer reviewed journal paper, balance arguments-

CN: if necessary?

TH: Precautionary- Can make comments on. Opportunity for etp working group

BS: nothing we can do with dredges- improve handling and release- identified areas of particular threatened species? Good practice guide for handling and release

Cn: having that documented

JH: easy to do, we may as well show that and measure that

CN: more in depth training?

TH: Move on rules- aggregation of species?

JP: Move on: code of conduct

TH: spawning aggregation- data precautionary- once in 10 years- how we define that?

BS: Level not reached? Is some aggregation not well understood. Haddock

Cp: Are management necessary

JP: NOo

CN: good to be responsible to pull together, group to do.

RH: identifying species, a code of conduct and developing what we have happy to lead on this section and discuss for may june meeting.

RH: current one,

CP; simple SFSAG one, anything else

Action updates, Principle 2, Action 7

CM: SLIDE

CM: gaps in pre-assessment poor idea of catch reduce impact, respecting economic value

CM; vmes, vulnerable marine ecosystems- too broad scale, measure and monitor more local scale. Score of outcome- to 60-79? Proposed approach- integrated spatial approach. Developing in cardigan bay relative benthic status index, Propose specific management approaches>?

CM: systematic mapping- inventory of species to look at before going to sea

CM: Benthos, biological traits less vulnerable certain limit of threshold, cope with activity or not

CM: Pass from high specification

CM: SAR- swept area ratio. Qualitative information will help. Deploying IFCA vessel of less than 12 m validate and improve data.

JH: MCZ project- extensively- finding sanctuary

BS: How successful it was?

JP: DEFRA or natural England,

BS: a while ago,

JH: inshore though

JP: effect industry for next 50 years

BS: specifically about managing scallop fishery, very few has management regimes

JH: information was captured,

CN: to inform management- outcomes-

BS: great suggestion- see what's out there, then do a gap analysis. IVMS, ifca, a lot coming,

JP: Crown estate in years- to assist with process and wind farms, they did a great deal of mapping of fishermans data.

BS: May not need extra work.

CM: add details- very broad scale, information- crucial

TH: VME analysis yet?

CM: we know broadscale, no details gap from pre-assessment.

BS: some are already protected by the IFCAS gather information and how the fishery is being managed. Most of them will be inshore

TH: review year 1 underway?

CM: fed into fisheries management plan

BS: group has opportunity to be creative, rotationally closed areas? Providing benefit? On the table strengthen case.

CP: May/june present- feed in present to industry innovative ways to start thinking.

CN: Another PO- paul trebilock, another person?

CM: everyone?

CN: Take that offline.

CN: share together CEFAS map, roi?

Action updates, Principle 2, Action 8

CN: Roi on the line, commission cefas SICA- different factors- scallop fishery and monkfish fishery- get some feedback

Roi: Better created just for the discussion, make it better when we have final report

CN: Can we give Tim a copy, update him with state

Roi: list of vessels, define scale and intensity of the fishery and VMS, landing composition, scallops much easier- entered vessels 95% of scallops. VMS data access to data larger than 12m vessels, find out which part of

Roi: received list of vessels do that next week

Roi: analysis, main output ecosystem, data we are- 3rd task constitute expert group- how many stakeholders and collaborate on this one? SEE SLIDES

EB: Need to included HMD,

Roi: swept area ratio- aggregate effort resolution we have and trend. Whole area swept by grid cells, add another indicator to understand the clusterisation? Extra indicator of impact on ecosystem, use parameters to define ecosystem. Constitute expert group, put together data interested in and follow instructions this week.

CN: SICA analysis, risk based thing- cefas science and industry experts together in the group- heads of POs/ industry members?

ROI: industry members- habitat contact- 2 representatives?

CN: NOT a face to face meeting, email discussion/skype call- Vessel owner?

TH: spatial scale/temporal/intensity, impact on compositions- densities- skippers- wider view at channel

JP: interesting here- andy lawler- stock assessment work, Put marks on chart- coincided with vms data- kind of workshop need

TH: 4 sets of data, distribution of fishing activity over ecosystem-SICA- clarification- whole channel/ continental shelf and what is the overlap- temporal scale? 1 day to 100 days a year. Few non-sector

CN: How best to bring In industry knowledge, we were discussing that a workshop in Brixham may be best

Roi: related to timescale,

TH: Won't need to rush this, timescale- extended contract?

JH: Year 2 milestone?

CN: Take an action to figure out how to set group and Matt gommery clarification?

CN: Comments? Inshore and offshore- input inshore data as much as possible. IFCA involved?

Cn: whole of expert group together in brixham

TH: SICA specialist there?

CN: No action lead- discussing workshop (expert group of scientists) try and streamline this. Help you organise this

JP: volunteered to take action lead-

CM: Would like to be involved, exchange and provide data – and will work on habitats and inform the SICA. Need new data- broad scale data, species composition, need more details to finish

CN: Link BS, CM with Roi, advice and validate

Action updates, Principle 2, Action 9

CN: no milestones for year 1, actually being addressed according to Juliette.

CN; public consultations?

CN: Nothing else we need to do

JH: DEPENDANT on actions 1/2/3, amend wording for that/

Cn: an ACTION to amend wording on action plan

Cn: DEFRA lead, will not be managing- Defra and leaders of action plan 1/2/3,

BB: Consultations paper. What these measures are? More local level, if it is a change of IFCA byelaws for example? Not a formal conclusion/. Appropriate consultation? Full blown public one? Ongoing as you are developing proposals?

CN: Year 2 appropriate consulting correct people? Consultation comes much later if required, appropriate consultation rather than public ACTION

Th: Annual review not starting to year 2

Action updates, Principle 3, Action 10

Cn: Fishery specific objectives and decision making, action lead defined at the beginning of year two- Discussed at management subgroup, at channel level.

CN: define action leads sub group

JH: Join up with other membership states- French?

TH: very reliant on stock

CP: Includes ICES working group

JH: Joint management, lets not overcomplicate it

CN: Does help if both managements are aligned,

JH: Joint stock,

CN: if they are overfishing the stock. Cornish sardine fishery and French sardine fishery both going for MSC

JP: Responds to stock?

BS: How we define our stock units?

EB: No annual overspill, not include that any scallop caught south of 50 degrees, will not be MSC. Need to track MSC

CN: Brown shrimp fishery prove they are a separate sub stock

JP: Political sensitivity- give the French an opportunity to have that as the fishery, at this stage industry do not want that to be excluded?

BS: Not be made in several years

CN: management sub group action lead.

CP: recommendation to social as action 12

Action updates, Principle 3, Action 11

CN: sufficient to be external evaluation, annual reviews are looking at progress? Outside look, not achieving objectives. A lot of other Fips. External evaluation, idea- lump all FIPS?

CP: end of year three, all 6 of the action plans, involved in that? Look at exploring developing world programme.

CP: We can copy and paste monkfish agreement, add recommended action 12 in terms of the social.

CP: annual review, benchmark and aim and the scoring and actual scoring, predicted? And aims, dashboard.

Summary of Meeting Actions

Number	Lead	Meeting Action	PI/ Action	Timeline	Status
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1	CN	Reword milestone in action plan to make it clear that the stock assessment project is UK wide but PUKFI focusses on the Channel. Year 3 change milestone to reflect how stock units could be incorporated into management units	P1/ A1		
2	EB	Presentation of results of first stock assessment at next steering group meeting	P1/A1	May/june	
3	CN & JH	Develop management sub-group, which is also part of SICG	P1/ A2		
4	TH	Send examples of management plans to the group	P1/A3		
5	CN	Public consultation on labour requirements at the MSC opens on March 15th, circulate that around group, and add a 'recommended action' onto the action plan	New * action		
6	CN & CP	Update everyone on Shetland report consultation and objections	Next meeting		
7	EB	Provide information on bycatch to evaluate whether another EMFF bid is required to conduct another observer programme, send to TH	P1/A5		
8	CN	To start on EMFF funding bid for scallop observer work	P1/A5		
9	Steering group	Send letters of support for EMFF bid to CN	P1/A5		
10	RH	Circulate guide on code of practice on survivability of skates and rays and safe handling	P2/A6		
11	RM/EB/CM	Collaborate with other members of the group doing mapping of the fishery	P2/A8		
12	CN & JP	Plan workshop of expert group for SICA in Brixham link up Cefas with industry	P2/A8		
13	CN	Amend action plan for action 9 for year 2 change to appropriate consultation rather than public	P2/A9		
14	CN	Use the wording that the monkfish FIP have agreed on for action 11, also add the recommended action 12 to do with social ethics	P3/A11		

Bench Marking and Tracking tool



AOB & date of next meeting

CP: May/june meeting, fully remote meeting? Next large meeting on webex system and video conferencing? If everyone is dialling in, easier to here

CP: Great to have everyone on board and safe travels home