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FAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE TERMS of REFERENCE

Name

The name of the Committee shall be the Fal Fisheries Management Committee.

Purpose

The purpose of the Committee is to discuss improvement and management matters for oysters and mussels within the Regulated Fishery and make recommendations to the Cornwall IFCA who are the grantees of the Regulating Order for oysters and mussels in the River Fal and adjoining creeks.

Scope

- Management of culch, including movement, replenishment and harrowing of culch;
- Removal or movement of oyster spat;
- Management of slipper limpets, seaweed and other alien/invasive species;
- Fishing effort;
- Shellfish minimum sizes;
- Temporary closures;
- Fishing and lay areas;
- Catch returns/statistics;
- · Surveys and other scientific work; and
- Any other issue that may impact or involve the fishery.

Authority

The Committee has the authority to decide which recommendations concerning Fal oyster and mussel fishery matters are to form the basis of recommendations to the Cornwall IFCA.

Membership

The membership of the Committee shall be 14.

7 Committee members are to be appointed to the Committee by the fishing industry.

7 Committee members are to be appointed from management authorities, 2 of which are to be the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Cornwall IFCA.

A quorum for the Committee is 5.

The Chairman shall be appointed from the Committee at the first meeting held after 1 April each year.

The Vice Chairman shall be appointed from the Committee at the first meeting held after 1 April each year.

Meeting arrangements

A minimum of three meetings shall be held, though the Committee has the option to meet more frequently if the majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Committee consider it necessary to do so.

Meetings shall be held at mutually agreed premises, but where possible as close to the location of the fishery as possible.

The first meeting shall be held on the 17^{th} September 2014 at Ord Stattor, Mylor Bridge. Administration to the Committee will be provided by the Cornwall IFCA.

Agenda items are to be supplied to the administrator at least 10 working days before a scheduled meeting.

Agendas will be distributed to all Committee members at least 5 working days before a meeting. Notes will be taken at the meeting by the administrator. Once these notes are approved by the Committee at the next scheduled meeting it holds, they will be posted on the Cornwall IFCA website.

Reporting

All members of the Committee may submit items for the agenda that are relevant to the Purpose. The Committee may request reports from other bodies are presented to the Committee if they are relevant to the Purpose.

Resources and budget

All costs and sundries will be met from the licence fee monies, held in the general budget of the Cornwall IFCA.

Review

These Terms of Reference are to be reviewed annually at the first meeting of the Committee to be held after the start of the financial year.