

## **Recreational Angling Sector Group**

### ***TERMS OF REFERENCE***

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#### Purpose

Recreational sea angling is one of the country's most popular sports and its participants contribute significantly to the local economies and businesses. The Recreational Sector Working Group, aims to promote more effective communication with the recreational sea angling sector in Hampshire, Isle of Wight and Dorset, and the body responsible for the management of local inshore fisheries, Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (IFCA).

#### Membership

The group will, where possible, best represent the local angling community but should aim include up to 3 members from each Angling Trust region. New members may join the group on invite from the group's current membership. An officer/officers representing Southern IFCA will also attend meetings.

#### Desired outcomes

The group will aim to:

- Provide a forum to discuss fisheries management topics relevant to the local sea angling sector.
- Develop more effective communication between the sea angling sector and the bodies responsible for management.
- Assist in the development of local sea angling strategies.
- Comment and provide input into proposed local fisheries management.
- Promote sea angling to the local community
- Promote data sharing between the local anglers and the relevant management bodies.

#### Meetings

Meetings will be chaired by an elected chairman, whom members must elect annually. A secretariat for the group will be agreed by the members upon election of the chair. Any papers associated with each meeting will be circulated by the secretariat no less than 1 week prior to meetings.

The frequency of the meetings will be quarterly and supplemented by regular communication via email etc. Meetings will take place on Wednesdays at 5pm.

#### Resources

Southern IFCA will contribute £250 annually to the running of the group. How this is to be spent will be determined by members.