

## Recreational Angling Sector Working Group – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016

**Location: Southern IFCA Office, Ashley Road, Poole.**

**Time: 1700**

Attendees:

Chris Holloway  
Alan Deeming  
Dick Stubbs  
Phil Higgins  
Charlie Annear  
Robert Clark  
Patrick Cooper

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Trevor Gibbs, Wayne Comben and Steve Porter.

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted by the group. The group discussed that it would be good to have the minutes of previous meetings available on the Southern IFCA website. Rob Clark stated that although they were already on there as part of the committee agendas this could be clearer.

*Action – PC/RC to make minutes more accessible on website*

#### **- Election of chairman**

Chris Holloway was re-elected as Chairman of the group. Proposed Dick Stubbs  
Seconded Alan Deeming.

#### **- Matters arising**

The group discussed how at future meetings it may be useful to provide an overview from each area of current issues/trends.

*Action – PC to circulate headings prior to the next meeting and have as a standing item*

#### **- Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (AD)**

Alan Deeming provided an overview of the MMOs 'Don't be caught out' campaign against illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activity. Mr Deeming explained that the Angling Trust had been provided the opportunity to comment on a draft and feed into the newest document. Alan explained that the campaign wanted to encourage purchase of fish from legal or licensed sources as well as encourage the reporting of the unlicensed selling of fish.

The group discussed the terminology around IUU fishing and stressed that at the point of sale it became illegal commercial activity. Rob Clark then discussed the leaflet and that one most significant points was the inclusion of a crimestoppers number, meaning that they could now accept information/intelligence regarding illegal fishing. Mr Clark went on to discuss that running alongside this an intelligence model was being produced that would look at how information is shared and where there were opportunities for partnership working.

The group also discussed the difficulties in the legislation including the lack of requirement to declare sales of under 30kg. *Rob Clark stated that this was something that may be looked at following the European Commissions audit in the future as the current process of dealing with under 30kg catches was inadequate.*

The group discussed how to communicate this information. Rob stated that the IFCA officers would tweet and distribute information at events etc. Member of the group offered to help distribute amongst their clubs and were provided with leaflets/stickers.

#### - **Angling communication**

The IFCA officers discussed ways in which to work with partner organizations to further develop dissemination of information. Patrick Cooper also relayed that the IFCA would look to update the IFCA website with more information relevant to the angling sector when time permitted.

The group also discussed when considering communicating minimum landing sizes that the legal sizes did not always line up with the AT recommended minimum size. The group considered the information the IFCA had provided to the Poole Harbour Guide as an example of how this could be made more widely available.

The group also discussed the newsletter in sea angling news and that this was positive but may not reach every tackle shop.

*Action - PC to draft angling size chart similar to Poole Guide and circulate to group.  
Action – PC circulate draft information for website*

#### - **Bream**

- Southern IFCA surveys

Patrick and Rob discussed the Southern IFCA proposed sidescan sonar surveys of bream nests in the local area. Patrick stated that this year the IFCA intended to look at surveys at Poole Rocks, Ballard down, Dancing Ledges, Chapmans Poole and Kimmeridge, focusing on those sites within Marine Protection Areas.

*Action – RC to circulate Matt Doggett Bream video*

#### - **Any other business**

- Rob Clark raised the issue that there was currently a petition against Southern IFCA inspecting anglers in Littlehampton. Although this was

not Southern IFCA's district and a case of wrong IFCA named in the petition Rob explained the IFCA's approach to compliance and agreed to distribute the code of conduct Southern IFCA officers follow.

*Action – RC to circulate Inspection code of conduct.*

- Alan Deeming highlighted that there was a new MMO planning officer covering the eastern part of the IFCA district, Sarah Temple, who had met with Alan and was interested in local angling contacts.
- Alan also pointed out that the perpetual tidal energy turbine had been approved. Alan stated that it would be good for them to target clubs regarding potential disruption in addition to Local Notices to Mariners.
- Alan Deeming enquired as to the availability to the general public (or possibly just group members) the details of the value & quantities of illegal fin fish landings plus the associated levels of any penalties imposed during the latest 12 month period for which SIFCA holds records.

*Action - RC to investigate availability of figures/information and respond to the group*

- Alan asked whether the IFCA had anything further on the conservation advice packages from the Needles MCZ. Rob Clark stated that further information was expected at the end of the year. If management measures were required the Southern IFCA regulatory notice byelaw would be an appropriate tool with which implement.