

## **Memorandum of Understanding**

# **Sussex Recreational Sea Angling Partnership**

In making this Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) all organisations recognise the mutual benefit to be gained from working closely together in order to maximise the effect of their respective actions for the environment, the community and the regional economy.

### **1. Purpose of this MOU**

This MoU establishes the basis for joint working between all parties in order to build understanding and a good working relationship. This will enable us to develop and maximise opportunities to protect and improve the marine environment of the inshore waters off Sussex and to further its sustainable use for the purposes of conservation of biodiversity, recreation, amenity and education.

### **2. Scope of this MOU**

The geographic area which is the focus for this MoU is the Sussex Inshore District and this includes the marine species in the rivers and estuaries within this region and it incorporates the associated administrative boundaries of East and West Sussex County Council and Brighton and Hove City Council. The MoU recognises the role of the Environment Agency and the MMO and nothing in this MoU interferes with their duties, but should seek to support them.

### **3. Working Partnership**

The aim of this partnership is to help promote RSA in Sussex, educate and inform the RSA community on fishery management issues and provide feedback, when appropriate, on marine environment matters to the regulators.

3.1 Membership. All those involved in this partnership must be respectful of each other and the organisations they represent. We should develop a culture of trust and respect and use this to secure greater resources and influence beyond those of this partnership.

3.2 Partnership Remit. This partnership is not a sub-committee of the Sussex IFCA committee and therefore cannot direct and control Sussex IFCA resources.

#### **Sussex IFCA Committee**

This partnership will aim to include Marine Management Organisation (MMO) appointees to the Sussex IFCA's committee with RSA expertise. The Partnership will inform the IFCA Committee with regard to the Partnership's concerns and proposals.

3.3 Sussex IFCA Committee. This partnership will aim to include Marine Management Organisation (MMO) appointees from Sussex IFCA's committee. The outcomes from the IFCA meeting could see Sussex IFCA resources being utilised by this partnership.

#### 4. **Projects and Outcomes**

4.1 The partnership should seek to develop projects that supports the aims of the partnership. Any project submitted by the partnership or individual/s must be accompanied with action/business plans and defined outcomes.

4.2 Partnership agenda and minutes.

4.3 Funding. Any funding will come from bids made by the partnership.

#### 5. **Administration**

A Chair and Secretariat for the group will be elected by the members of the group.

An agenda will be sent out to members prior to the meetings and minutes recorded for the benefit of the partnership. All fisheries management topics should be open for frank discussion, typical topics for the agenda are as follows:

Fisheries management reviews and updates.

Angling Trust campaigns update.

Members update.

Fisheries management proposals for the good and benefit of the partnership.

Any other business.

#### 6. **Partners Statements and signatures**

##### **Sussex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority**

Sussex IFCAs stated vision is to lead, champion and manage a sustainable marine environment and inshore fisheries, by successfully securing the right balance between social, environmental and economic benefits to ensure healthy seas, sustainable fisheries and a viable industry. Sussex IFCA has an RSA Strategy that it delivers through its powers and duties, lead by an RSA development Officer.

Signed

date

##### **Organisation:**

Statement:

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