

# NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

## AUTHORITY MEETING

27 JUNE 2019

**Present:**

Councillor Ron Allcock  
 Dr Stephen Axford  
 Councillor Edward Bell  
 Miss Emma Brown  
 Mrs Kirsten Carter  
 Councillor David Chance  
 Mr Andrew Faichney  
 Councillor Stephen Harness  
 Mr Bob Houghton  
 Councillor Chris Matthews (Chair)  
 Mr Michael Montgomerie  
 Councillor Shane Moore  
 Christian Proud  
 Mr Nigel Proctor  
 Councillor Tony Randerson  
 Mr Gary Redshaw  
 Mr Paul Slater  
 Mr Andrew Wheeler  
 Mr Jon Whitton

**Representing:**

North Lincolnshire Council  
 MMO appointee  
 Durham County Council  
 Natural England appointee  
 MMO appointee  
 North Yorkshire County Council  
 MMO appointee  
 North East Lincolnshire Council  
 MMO appointee  
 East Riding of Yorkshire Council  
 MMO appointee  
 Hartlepool Borough Council  
 MMO Representative  
 MMO appointee  
 North Yorkshire County Council  
 MMO appointee  
 Environment Agency Representative  
 MMO appointee  
 MMO appointee

Mrs Caroline Lacey, Clerk, Mr David McCandless, Chief Officer, Mr Stephen Chandler, Treasurer, Mr Tim Smith, Senior Environmental & Scientific Officer, Mr Steven Mallinson, Senior Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Officer, Daniel Bennet, Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Officer and Bex Lynam, YWT also attended the meeting.

The Committee met at the Double Tree by Hilton Monkbar Hotel, York. The meeting started at 10:00am.

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENSE</b>
	Apologies of absence were received from MMO member Elliot and Wood, Councillor Members Baldwin and Stewart.
<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATION OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS</b>
	<b>Resolved</b> –The Clerk asked Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in items on the Agenda and the nature of such interests. No interests were declared.
<b>3.</b>	<b>MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUTHORITY</b>
	The Clerk reported that the following new Members had been appointed to the Authority:  Councillor Paul Stewart – Sunderland City Council Councillor Neil Baldwin – Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

	<p>Councillor Shane Moore – Hartlepool Borough Council Councillor Paul Whitehead – East Riding of Yorkshire Council</p> <p>The Clerk also reported that Mr Philip Macmullen, MMO Appointee had resigned from the Authority</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>TO ELECT A CHAIRMAN</b>
	<p>The Clerk reported that the Authority had received one nomination in writing from Councillor Chris Matthews, East Riding of Yorkshire Council member and asked the Authority if there were any other nominations. There were no further nominations. Councillor Chris Matthews was proposed and seconded and was elected Chairman by a unanimous vote by the Authority.</p>
	<b>Resolved</b> - That Councillor Chris Matthews be elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.
	<b>TO ELECT A VICE CHAIRMAN</b>
	<p>The Clerk reported that the authority had received one nomination in writing from Dr Stephen Axford, MMO Appointee, and asked the Authority if there were any other nominations. There were no further nominations. Dr Stephen Axford was elected Vice Chairman by a unanimous vote by the Authority.</p>
	<b>Resolved</b> - That Dr Steven Axford be elected Vice-Chairman for the ensuring year.
	<b>TO APPOINT AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Resolved</b> – That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman Councillors Bell, Randerson and Allcock Mrs Kirsten Carter, Mr Nigel Proctor, Mr Gary Redshaw and Professor Mike Elliott be appointed for the ensuing year.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>TO CONFIRM MEMBERSHIP OF STANDARDS COMMITTEE</b>
	<b>Resolved</b> - That Councillors Bell, Randerson and Clerk be appointed for the ensuing year.
<b>7.</b>	<b>TO CONFIRM MEMBSHIP OF THE SCIENCE ADVISORY GROUP</b>
	<p>Resolved – That Chair, Vice-Chairman Mrs Kirsten Carter, Mr John Whitton, Mr Robert Houghton, Professor Mike Elliott, Mr Michael Montgomerie, Mr Nigel Proctor and representatives from the Marine Management Organisation, Natural England and the Environment Agency be appointed for the ensuing year.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>TO APPOINT REPRESENTATIVES TO SERVE AND REPORT QUARTERLY</b>
	<b>Resolved</b> - (a) That the following be appointed for the ensuing year to serve and report quarterly on :-

	<p><b>Flamborough Harbour Commissioners (2 representatives):</b> Councillor Chris Matthews Mr Bob Houghton</p> <p><b>Staites Harbour Board (4 representatives)</b> Councillor David Chance Mr Steven Mallinson Mr Jon Whitton Mr Richard Pennall</p> <p>The Chief Officer informed members that there had been some communications with the Staites Harbour Board, and they had recognised the difficulty in appointing 4 representatives from the Authority, so they had suggested appointing an external representative, Mr Richard Pennall, members supported the recommendation.</p> <p>(b) That the following be appointed for the ensuing year to attend meetings of:</p> <p><b>The Association of Inshore Fisheries &amp; Conservation Authorities Forum (3 representatives):</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Chairman/(the Vice-Chairman to substitute when the Chairman is unable to attend) Clerk or Deputy Clerk Chief IFC Officer</p> <p>(c) That it be noted that the Chief IFC Officer was a Director of The Association of Inshore Fisheries &amp; Conservation Authorities .</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 06 DECEMBER 2019</b>
	<b>Resolved</b> – That the minutes of the Quarterly meeting held on 06 December 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
<b>10.</b>	<b>MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2019</b>
	<b>Resolved</b> – That the minutes of the Executive meeting held on 14 March 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.
<b>11.</b>	<b>NEIFCA FINANCIAL OUTURN</b>
	The Treasurer of the Authority presented a report of the Annual Accounts for NEIFCA for the year ended 2018-19. The report provided the income and expenditure account, detailed balance sheet and position on reserve accounts.
	<b>Resolved -</b> a) That the Statement of Accounts were approved as presented b) That Members Approved the Outturn position

<b>12.</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT OF SCALLOP DREDGING 2019/2020</b>
	The Chief Officer presented a report to support consideration of recommendations for the 2019/2020 fishery. A detailed background was included in the report for members information. Members also discussed the overall environmental impact on the ground now that activity was increasing amongst the 3 permitted vessels and agreed that a longer term strategy was essential.
	<b>Resolved</b> – (a) That members note the report. (b) Members support the recommendations of the Science Advisory Group that the 2019/2020 fishery be re-opened for a maximum of three vessels (on the same basis as the 2016/2017 fishery) to enable the capture of four years comparative data and the development of a long term strategy for the fishery. (c) All members be invited to the September meeting of the Science Advisory Group to consider the supporting survey work.
<b>13.</b>	<b>MANAGEMENT OF PERMITTED INTERTIDAL SEA BASS FISHERY 2019/2020</b>
	The Chief Officer presented a report to update members on the current situation surrounding the issuing of intertidal fixed netting permits to target sea bass and ongoing legislative conflict with European Fisheries legislation. A detailed background was included in the report for member's information. Given the continuing conflict with the European legislation, prohibiting the commercial fishing for sea bass from the shore, the Chief Officer recommended to members that no intertidal sea bass permits are issued for the 2019/2020 season.
	<b>Resolved</b> – (a) That Members note the report. (b) That Members endorse the recommendation that, given the continuation of the European ban on commercial sea bass fishing from the shore, no intertidal permits are issued for the forthcoming 2019/2020 season. (c) That the situation surrounding intertidal permits remains under review with a further report presented at the next meeting of the Authority in December 2019.
<b>14.</b>	<b>NEIFCA DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019</b>
	The Chief Officer apologised to members as the draft Annual Report covering the period 2018/2019 was not available, the Chief Officer assured members that a copy would be circulated for comment as soon as it had been received back from print and design.
	<b>Resolved</b> – That the report be noted.
<b>15.</b>	<b>SCIENCE ADVISORY GROUP UPDATE</b>
	The Chief Officer presented a report to update members on considerations and recommendations emanating from the most recent meetings of the Science Advisory Group (SAG) held on 14 March 2019. At the meeting members considered the following items. The annual research report and a supplementary 'State of the Fisheries' report were attached for members information: NEIFCA 5 year strategic research plan NEIFCA annual research programme 2019/2020

	NEIFCA annual research report
	Members requested that an executive summary be provided on the research plan and programme, the Chair also recommended a presentation on the strategic research plan and annual research programme be provided to members.
	<b>Resolved</b> – That the notes be received.
<b>16.</b>	<b>CHIEF OFFICER’S OPERATIONAL REPORT</b>
	The Chief Officer presented a report to provide members with a comprehensive and detailed operational summary covering the period December to May 2019 which included issues relating to the impacts of nomadic scallop dredging and compliance with the national prohibition on landing egg bearing lobsters. The report also highlighted ongoing issues with byelaw making which included four outstanding regulations which had been in process since 2016.
	The Chair suggested that a letter, written on behalf of the Authority should be sent to the Minister expressing the Authority’s concern and frustrations surrounding the 4 byelaws which have yet to be confirmed, and it was also suggested that the Minister be invited to attend the December Authority meeting in York.
	The Chair also thanked all officers, on behalf of the full Authority for their continued hard work and dedication.
	<b>Resolved</b> – That the notes be received.
<b>17.</b>	<b>FISHERIES STATUTES AND REGULATIONS – PROSECUTIONS</b>
	The Clerk submitted a report on the fisheries enforcement activities taken by the Authority since December 2018.
	<b>Resolved</b> – That the notes be received.
<b>18.</b>	<b>REPORTS FROM PARTNER AGENCIES AND BODIES</b>
	The Marine Management Organisation and Natural England’s partner briefing papers had been circulated prior to the meeting, papers from the Environment Agency were unavailable at the time of printing. Paul Slater, the Environment Agency representative provided a verbal update at the meeting.
<b>19.</b>	<b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
	The Chair reminded members that at the Full Authority meeting in December, the Levy for 2020/21 would be determined, so Local Authority members were encouraged to attend.
	The meeting closed at 12:15

