

Agenda Item B3

Success criteria: 2,3,4,5 & 6

By: Chief IFC Officer

To: Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority –
21 November 2014

Subject: **MARINE PROTECTED AREAS**

Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: to provide an update on discussions held with fishermen and the meeting held on 4 November 2014 of the MPA Working Group

Since the last Authority meeting the KEIFCA MPA working group met at Folkestone to discuss in detail the potential fisheries management options for Folkestone Pomerania MCZ, Dover to Deal and Dover to Folkestone MCZ sites and Hythe Bay. The group also discussed the data, process, regulatory options and timelines for delivery for management of these sites as well as progress against priorities previously agreed by the Authority. The working group were presented with a management proposal from the fishermen for the 4 MCZ sites (Appendix 1). Extensive notes of the discussion of the proposal and subsequent meeting business were made and feedback from the group on the minutes has been sought (Appendix 2).

Recommendations of the MPA Working Group

1. Adopt Option four - Work with all stakeholders to develop more detail for the four MCZ site solutions using the fishermen's proposal as a starting point and with the clear ambition to develop a detailed solution with accompanying draft byelaws within months of this meeting.
2. Set up a research group to consist of Cllr Wood, Ms A Jones, Mr I Humpheryes, Ms K Bamford, Mr T Noakes, Ms B Chapman, Mr L Roskilly, Mr W Baker and Ms S Ware to discuss the scientific aspects of the work required in more detail and the

costing out of options; arrange a meeting for this research group within one month of the date of the MPA Working Group meeting.

3. Officers to draft a permit byelaw for Hythe Bay.
4. Officers to draft a management plan for Hythe Bay.
5. Officers to draft a bottom towed gear byelaw for Folkestone Pomerania.
6. Officers should make best efforts, working collaboratively with stakeholders, to put final versions of these byelaws to the Authority for the January 2015 meeting.
7. To note the continuing work of officers in respect of the Blackwater, Crouch, Roach and Colne MCZ.

Members are asked to **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** the recommendations of the Working Group