Consultation on the Introduction of the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018

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## Section 1: Summary of the consultation

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<td>- <strong>reinstate</strong> enforcement powers to Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Officers (IFCOs) relating to EU technical and other conservation measures that were inadvertently revoked in 2015;</td>
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<td>- <strong>introduce</strong> new powers that enable IFCOs to directly enforce other EU fisheries conservation measures such as new rules for bass and existing rules for blue fin tuna and marking of gear; and</td>
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<td>- <strong>introduce</strong> ambulatory references that will automatically update the legislation to reflect minor technical changes in the EU measures. However, if the EU legislation changes significantly or new measures are introduced, the proposed regulations will be amended through the usual parliamentary processes. This is a new addition, however it is a recognised approach that will allow a degree of future-proofing when technical amendments are made to the EU measures to save time and cost.</td>
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<td>This public consultation is open to anyone who may have view on the proposed regulations and will be the principal means by which we will gather views on the proposal. Defra has consulted with Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Inshore Fisheries &amp; Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) during the formulation of the regulations.</td>
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Section 2: Background information

Why the proposed regulations are needed

1. Marine fisheries legislation is enforced in England by the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the ten Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs). The MMO manage and monitor the entire English fishing fleet, enforce quotas for catches and ensure compliance with all fisheries legislation. They also have responsibility for enforcing certain legislation such as for fishing vessel licenses and time at sea. IFCAs enforce legislation in the 0-6 nautical mile sea area of their designated districts. They manage their local fisheries through voluntary actions and district-wide byelaws and enforce national and EU technical conservation measures such as to protect juveniles through MCRS and gear specifications.

2. The MMO can appoint Marine Enforcement Officers (MEOs) under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 (MACAA) and IFCAs may appoint Inshore Fisheries and Conservation officers (IFCOs) under the same Act. A MEO’s enforcement powers can be exercised in relation to a wide range of sea fisheries legislation (as specified in section 238 of MACAA), including all European fisheries legislation, which reflects their broad responsibility for managing the English fishing fleet. IFCOs’ powers are limited to those matters set out in section166 of MACAA i.e. primarily for local fisheries management and national technical measures.

3. IFCOs previously had enforcement powers in relation to EU technical measures listed in the Sea Fishing (Enforcement of Community Conservation Measures) Order 2000 (2000 Order) (Annex 2). The 2000 Order was revoked by the Sea Fishing (Enforcement and Miscellaneous Provisions) Order 2015 (2015 Order). This was due to the EU measures listed in the 2000 Order being out of date in many cases. Replacement regulations containing updated references to these EU technical measures were not made at that time. As a result IFCOs were no longer able to enforce those EU measures.

4. As a short-term remedy to this situation that allowed IFCOs to continue enforcing the EU technical measures, they were cross-warranted by the MMO under section 235 of MACAA to make them temporary MEOs. However, there are practical and operational issues that arise from an IFCO as MEO acting under the authority of the
MMO rather than the authority of an IFCA which is why this was not considered to be a viable long-term solution

**Scope of the proposed regulations**

5. On 23 June 2016, the EU referendum took place and the people of the United Kingdom voted to leave the European Union. Until exit negotiations are concluded, the UK remains a full member of the European Union and all the rights and obligations of EU membership remain in force. During this period the government will continue to negotiate, implement and apply EU legislation. The outcome of these negotiations will determine what arrangements apply in relation to EU legislation in future once the UK has left the EU.

6. Defra is proposing to introduce the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 (the 2018 Regulations) to provide IFCOs with the powers that they lost under the 2015 Order. They will enable them to once again enforce relevant EU regulations directly. The 2018 Regulations will also allow IFCOs to enforce relevant EU fisheries conservation measures that may need to be updated from time to time, as explained below.

7. We have taken this opportunity to introduce new powers that allow IFCOs to enforce new EU measures on bass catch limits for vessels and recreational fishing for bass and conservation measures for blue fin tuna. Much of this fishing activity occurs within the IFCA 0-6 nautical mile zone and it is therefore appropriate for IFCOs to enforce the relevant controls.

8. Most EU fisheries legislation is directly applicable in EU Member States and is continually being updated. Further changes are expected to be made to relevant EU fisheries legislation until the UK leaves the EU. Changes to EU legislation are negotiated at EU level between all Member States, the European Commission and the European Parliament. Details of the process can be found at [http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/decision-making/index_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/atwork/decision-making/index_en.htm). All EU legislation is subject to UK Parliamentary scrutiny which includes an assessment of the impact of the proposals. Before the UK leaves the EU we expect changes to the EU Technical Conservation Regulation, the Control Regulation and the bass provisions in the annual TAC and quota regulations.
9. As a response to this the 2018 Regulations will also contain “ambulatory references”, i.e. they will cross refer to EU measures that will be read as references to those measures as amended from time to time. This is a new addition, however it is a recognised approach that will allow a degree of future-proofing when technical amendments are made to the EU measures to save time and cost.

10. The ambulatory references in the 2018 Regulations will enable the government to implement minor and technical textual changes by following the standard procedures for approving EU legislation. Once adopted the changes will be legally binding and will require enforcement by the relevant bodies within England.

11. In the event that changes to the EU measures referred to in the 2018 Regulation go beyond those that are minor and technical, or if completely new EU measures are introduced the ambulatory references cannot be used. Instead, the government will amend the 2018 Regulations by following the usual Parliamentary scrutiny process.

12. Our policy is that IFCOs, as well as MEOs, should generally have powers to enforce EU fisheries legislation in their districts. This consultation seeks views on the general principle that if there any future substantive changes to EU legislation; we will update the 2018 Regulations to reflect these changes to EU fisheries legislation as and when required.

Expected impacts of the proposed regulations

13. There will be no one-off or ongoing costs for fishing, or other, businesses associated with the introduction of the 2018 Regulations. This is because the proposed regulations merely identify IFCOs as regulators that can enforce the listed fisheries conservation measures. The proposed legislation seeks to continue current and future enforcement arrangements for IFCOs in a more consistent way.

14. These regulations directly impact and apply to the MMO and Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs) as are responsible for the enforcement of EU legislation. We do not expect any other sector to be affected.

15. In the interests of legislative transparency and openness, Defra is welcoming comments from wider stakeholders who are not directly responsible for enforcing these regulations during this consultation. As MMO and the IFCAs have been
involved in the formulation of these regulations from the beginning, the consultation period will be 4 weeks.

16. IFCAs are statutory authorities who have direct responsibility for managing their inshore fishery districts. As such, they will be responsible for considering whether any action needs to be taken in relation to these measures as part of their local risk based strategy for enforcement. Any compliance related or investigative action will follow the Hampton Principles\(^1\) of being proportionate to specific, identified, risk or need for intervention.

**Section 3: Consultation questions**

1. Do you agree with the introduction of the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018? If you disagree, please state your reasons.

2. Do you agree with the proposal to reinstate IFCOs as direct enforcers of EU fisheries legislation? If not, why not?

3. It is proposed that where a substantive change to an EU technical fisheries measure or where a new EU technical measure is introduced, we will amend the Sea Fishing (Enforcement) Regulations 2018 following public notification of the proposal to all our stakeholders regardless of whether or not they are involved in enforcing EU legislation. Do you have any comments on this approach?

4. Do you have any general comments about this proposal or about how it will be implemented (please limit your response to 300 words)?

**Section 4: Next steps**

17. We will summarise all responses to this consultation and place the summary on our website at [www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra) within three months of the consultation closing date.

Section 5: Annexes

Annex 1: List of Consultees

Angling Trust
Association of Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (AIFCAs)
Bass Anglers’ Sportsfishing Society (BASS)
Cruising Association
Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities (IFCAs)
  - Cornwall IFCA
  - Devon & Severn IFCA
  - Eastern IFCA
  - Isles of Scilly IFCA
  - Kent & Essex IFCA
  - North Eastern IFCA
  - North Western IFCA
  - Northumberland IFCA
  - Southern IFCA
  - Sussex IFCA
Marine Management Organisation (MMO)
National Federation of Fishermen’s Organisations (NFFO)
New Under Ten Fishermens Association (NUTFA)

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**Part III**

**Regulation 2742/99**

**Article 9, as read with:**

(a) paragraph 3 of Annex V

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(c) paragraph 6 of Annex V

(d) paragraph 8 of Annex V

(e) paragraph 9 of Annex V

Prohibition on all fishing in the Bornholm Deep from 15 May to 31 August 2000 inclusive.

Prohibition during the year 2000 on the retention on board or landing of sand eels caught within an area bounded by the east coast of England and Scotland.

Minimum mesh size of 90mm applied to fishing for sole in ICES Divisions IVc and VIId during the year 2000.

Requirements as to mesh sizes and by-catches in the Skagerrak and Kattegat during the year 2000.

Minimum landing size of 27cm for plaice during the year 2000.
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Article 18(4) Restriction on the retention and landing of catches of detached crab claws made by pots or creels and other fishing gear

Article 19 Prohibition of the retention, transhipment, landing, transport, storage, sale, offer for sale and display of undersized fish

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Article 19b Restrictions on fishing for mackerel, herring and horse mackerel in certain areas

Articles 20 and 20a Restrictions on landing and retaining on board herring in specified waters during specified times

Article 21 Restrictions on retaining on board sprat in specified waters during specified times

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Article 27 Prohibition of the retaining on board Norway pout caught using towed gear in specified waters

Article 28 Restrictions on fishing for hake using specified towed nets in specified waters during specified times

Article 29 Restrictions on the fishing for plaice by certain vessels using specified towed gear in specified waters

Article 29a Restrictions on landing and retaining on board sand eel

Article 29b Restrictions on fishing for Norway lobster

Article 29c Restrictions on fishing for Rockall haddock in certain areas

Article 29d and e Restrictions on fishing for cod, haddock and whiting in certain areas

Article 29f Restrictions on retaining on board blue ling in certain areas

Article 30 Restrictions on the use and having on board of certain demersal towed gear

Article 31 Prohibition of the use of explosives, poisonous or stupefying substances or electric current (except certain electrical fishing specified in Article 31a) and on the sale, display or offer for sale of marine organisms caught using methods
incorporating the use of any kind of projectile

Article 32
Restrictions on the carriage or use on board of automatic grading equipment

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Article 36
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Article 42(1)
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Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2056/2001(6) establishing additional technical measures for the recovery of stocks of cod in the North Sea and to the west of the coast of Scotland
Article 4
Requirements relating to demersal towed nets and to catch composition

Article 5
Prohibition of the use of certain demersal towed nets and the carrying on board and use of certain beam trawls

Article 6
Prohibition of the use of certain beam trawls in specified areas

Article 7
Prohibition of the retention on board of cod in excess of a specified percentage by weight and caught by specified fixed gear

Article 8
Prohibition of the use of certain demersal towed nets in specified areas

Article 9a
Requirements on the landing of catches

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Commission Regulation (EC) No. 494/2002(7) establishing additional technical measures for the recovery of the stock of hake in ICES sub-areas III, IV, V, VI, and VII and ICES divisions VIII a, b, d, e

Article 2
Prohibition on the retention on board of hake in excess of specified percentages of the total catch

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Prohibition of the use of certain towed nets within specified areas, and prohibition of the use of certain other towed nets

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Prohibition of the use of certain beam trawls within specified areas

Council Regulation (EC) No. 1185/2003(8) on the removal of fins of sharks on board vessels

Article 3
Prohibition of the removal or retention on board, or transhipment, landing, purchase, offer for sale or sale of shark fins

Council Regulation (EC) No. 812/2004(9) laying down measures concerning incidental catches of cetaceans in fisheries

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Article 49c
Requirements on the landing of catches below the minimum conservation reference size


Council Regulation (EU) No. 2018/120(11) fixing for 2018 the fishing opportunities for certain fish stocks and groups of fish stocks, applicable in Union waters and, for Union fishing vessels, in certain non-Union waters, and amending Regulation (EU) 2017/127 Articles 9(1),(2) and (3)

Prohibition in specified waters of the fishing (including by commercial fisheries from shore) for European sea bass and of the retention, transhipment, relocation or landing of European sea bass caught in certain areas, subject to derogations setting catch limits in specified waters for certain fishing vessels with previously recorded catches of European sea bass using specified gear

Restrictions in specified waters on the recreational fishing (including from shore) of European sea bass and the prohibition of the retention, relocation, transhipment or landing of European sea bass caught in certain areas


Article 19(1)

Prohibition of sport and recreational fishing of bluefin tuna without an authorisation issued by the Member State

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