Co-ordinate fisheries protection activities



Overview

This standard is about organising and controlling fisheries protection activities to identify the potential risks that a fishery faces, and organising the resources required to deal with these potential risks. It includes supporting others with the implementation of activities such as fisheries patrols, surveillance, monitoring fishing activities and dealing with suspected illegal fishing.

This standard requires the ability to organise people, transport, equipment, time and budgets, and to be able to communicate with colleagues and stakeholders in the fishery and enforcement authorities.

This standard requires that you ensure work is completed safely in line with legal health and safety requirements and that you ensure work maintains biosecurity and minimises environmental disturbance at all times.

The legislation controlling the application of this standard will vary depending on the location of the fishery within England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland.

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Performance criteria

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- P1 determine the potential risk presented to the fishery from illegal fishing
- P2 organise fishery resources to establish activities to monitor fishing activity, in compliance with legal requirements
- P3 co-ordinate fisheries protection activities to protect fisheries
- P4 communicate the requirements of fisheries protection to people in a manner which promotes understanding
- P5 liaise and work with enforcement authorities in support of fisheries protection
- P6 establish effective systems for accurately reporting and recording evidence

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 relevant fisheries legislation
- K2 the fisheries protection plan and organisational regulations
- K3 the powers, privileges, duties and responsibilities of bailiffs, fisheries officers and enforcement authorities
- K4 what constitutes unauthorised fishing, including the methods employed by people
- K5 how to recognise fishing equipment
- K6 how to monitor fishing activities for compliance with fisheries regulations
- K7 how to determine characteristics of fishing equipment and vessels
- K8 how to organise surveillance activities effectively and legally
- K9 how to deal with suspected incidents of unauthorised fishing
- K10 where and when fish are most vulnerable from fishing activity
- K11 the devices which can be employed to control unauthorised fishing

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Glossary

The definitions below should help you understand the standard:

Illegal fishing

Any fishing activity which contravenes fishing legislation

Stakeholder

Any person or organisation who has an interest in the fishery on either a personal or financial basis

Enforcement authorities

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO), the EA, SEPA, the police, fisheries boards

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