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Manage incidents of illegal fishing activity



Overview

This standard is about investigating and dealing with incidents of illegal fishing. It covers the deployment of people, transport and equipment to investigate and effectively deal with incidents of illegal fishing. It includes effective communication and being able to accurately record the detail of incidents and liaise with 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 bio-security 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

You must be able to:

- P1 investigate suspected incidents within own limits of authority
- P2 co-ordinate the collection of objective evidence
- P3 liaise with enforcement authorities
- P4 deploy resources effectively and efficiently
- P5 provide advice clearly, accurately and in compliance with legal requirements
- P6 communicate professionally when dealing with any incident
- P7 maintain accurate evidence records and reports in respect to all investigations
- P8 support the prosecution of those involved in illegal fishing activities

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 legislation controlling fisheries and fishing activity
- K2 how to recognise unauthorised and illegal fishing
- K3 how to deal legally with incidents
- K4 the powers, privileges, duties and responsibilities of bailiffs, fisheries officers and enforcement authorities
- K5 where to obtain assistance in respect of suspected illegal fishing activities
- K6 how to collect, record and report evidence and the importance of accuracy
- K7 the importance of objectivity during the collection of evidence
- K8 the importance of a professional approach when dealing with incidents
- K9 how to support prosecutions
- K10 the legal process to follow as part of a prosecution, and preparing for a case
- K11 own limits of authority

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Glossary

The definitions below should help you understand the standard:

Illegal fishing

Any fishing activity which contravenes fishing legislation

Enforcement authorities

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

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