
Overview

This standard is about developing an overall protection strategy for a fishery. It covers being able to identify the potential risks that a fishery faces and how to reduce the impact of these potential risks. It includes communicating the strategy to stakeholders and those involved with its implementation. It also requires the ability to obtain transport, equipment, time and people, and manage budgets.

This standard requires the ability to create a strategy specifying:

1. the dangers to the fishery
2. protection objectives
3. protection activities
4. the actions to take in response to an incident
5. interactions with enforcement authorities
6. compliance with relevant legislation

This standard requires that the strategy takes account of legal health and safety requirements.

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 collate information from various sources
- P2 analyse information and identify trends and patterns that impact on the protection of the fishery
- P3 carry out risk assessment in respect of planned activities
- P4 formulate protection strategy specifying required protection activities
- P5 obtain the resources necessary to support the implementation of the strategy
- P6 communicate the strategy to stakeholders and those involved with its implementation
- P7 monitor and support the implementation of the strategy
- P8 maintain effective liaison with enforcement authorities
- P9 evaluate and report on the effectiveness of the strategy

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 relevant fisheries legislation
- K2 the powers, privileges, duties and responsibilities of bailiffs, fisheries officers and enforcement authorities
- K3 what constitutes legal fisheries protection activities
- K4 the processes and facilities required to support fisheries protection activities
- K5 the resources essential to the implementation of fisheries protection strategy
- K6 how to determine characteristics of fishing equipment and vessels
- K7 how to organise surveillance activities effectively and legally
- K8 the process of dealing with suspected incidents legally
- K9 when fishing activity can threaten a fishery
- K10 the devices available to legally monitor fisheries and fishing activity
- K11 fishing methods and their application
- K12 evidence collection and recording
- K13 how to support the prosecution process
- K14 effective communication techniques

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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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