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## Overview

This standard is about establishing procedures to control risks to activities on a fishery. It covers identifying the potential risks that a fishery faces and the establishment of appropriate procedures to support the monitoring of a fishery. It is about establishing procedures to deal with incidents of unauthorised fishing activity.

This standard requires the ability to advise and communicate with colleagues and the general public and the ability to seek advice from relevant enforcement authorities.

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

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## Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

1. collate and analyse information from relevant sources to establish procedures in order to control risks to activities on a fishery
2. determine the potential risk presented to the fishery from unauthorised fishing
3. establish procedures to control fishing activities, in accordance with relevant legal requirements and assessed risks
4. establish procedures to deal with incidents of unauthorised fishing activities in accordance with relevant legal requirements
5. confirm that all procedures meet relevant health and safety, environmental, bio-security and other relevant legal requirements
6. communicate procedures to all those involved in the implementation
7. establish effective systems for reporting and recording activities in the fishery
8. identify and establish the resources required to effectively control risks to fishing activity
9. confirm that fishery security is maintained in accordance with the established procedures
10. seek advice from the appropriate enforcement authorities when required

## Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. the relevant legislation associated with the control of activities on a fishery
2. the powers, privileges, duties and responsibilities of bailiffs, fisheries officers and enforcement authorities, relevant to establishing procedures to control risks to activities on a fishery
3. how to determine the risk to a fishery posed by unauthorised fishing activity
4. how to establish procedures to control risks to activities in the fishery and deal with incidents of unauthorised fishing
5. the importance of ensuring that procedures to control risks to the activities on the fishery are communicated to all those involved in the implementation
6. the importance of ensuring that fishery security is maintained in accordance with the established procedures
7. the signs that indicate unauthorised and illegal fishing and how to recognise these
8. the periods of the year when fish are most vulnerable to unauthorised and illegal fishing activity
9. the devices that can be deployed to prevent unauthorised fishing
10. the characteristics of your fishery, including its vulnerable locations and habitats
11. how to deal legally with incidents of unauthorised fishing
12. how habitats are damaged by fishing activities
13. where to obtain advice about establishing procedures to control risks to activities on a fishery
14. how to establish recording and reporting systems
15. the agencies involved with fisheries enforcement and how these interact with each other
16. the relevant health and safety, environmental, bio-security and other legal requirements that relate to controlling risks to activities on a fishery

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