

# WMFAG progress report

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Status Key: Red / Amber / Green (RAG)		Grey: Completed	Green: On track	Amber: Delayed	Red: Substantial delay or high risk
Active Policy Development	State of Play	Progress since last WMFAG meeting (7/3/2018)	Actions before next WMFAG meeting	Anticipated End Date	RAG Status
<p><b>Priority 1 - Whelks</b> - To develop and implement new measures to manage more effectively and sustainably Wales' whelk fisheries</p> <p><b>Lead:</b> <a href="mailto:Leanne.Llewellyn@gov.wales">Leanne Llewellyn</a> <a href="mailto:Leanne.Llewellyn@gov.wales">Leanne.Llewellyn@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officials will brief Cab Sec to outline proposals for new legislation and seek agreement for legal services to be drafted the SI.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal advice has now been received.</li> <li>We are now intending to proceed with a phased increase in the MCRS pan Wales.</li> <li>Consideration is being given to areas where the life history of stock indicates that they mature at a smaller size.</li> <li>We are awaiting additional evidence before considering final options.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Briefing to CSEPRA outlining options for Whelk SI as a phased approach.</li> <li>Advise CESERA of the revised approach and draft MA to ask permission for LS to proceed to drafting.</li> </ul>	Autumn 2018	<p><b>RED</b></p> <p>Pressure of EU exit related work on Legal Services will delay the drafting of legislation. Without additional legal resource drafting a full SI relating to flexible permitting will be unachievable prior to EU exit.</p>
<p><b>Priority 2 – Scallops</b> - Develop and implement new measures to manage the Cardigan Bay scallop fishery more sustainably.</p> <p><b>Lead:</b> <a href="mailto:Julian.bray2@gov.wales">Julian Bray</a> <a href="mailto:Julian.bray2@gov.wales">Julian.bray2@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Result of 1<sup>st</sup> consultation on scallop dredging in an additional area of Cardigan Bay SAC announced by the CSEPRA in October 2016.</li> <li>Scallop task &amp; finish group set up to develop flexible permitting to ensure careful control of fishery. Group last met 12 September 2017.</li> <li>The timing of the 2<sup>nd</sup> consultation on permitting cannot be agreed due to pressure of work related to EU exit work throughout the</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The 2017/18 fishing season has now closed; the fishery performed better than expected.</li> <li>A draft consultation document about flexible permitting has been completed and requires internal scrutiny/agreement before it can be progressed.</li> <li>Senior officials have been working to secure additional support services resource in order to enable this work stream to progress.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If additional support service resources can be secured, we would like to agree the permitting options and the best legislative mechanism to deliver them at the earliest opportunity.</li> <li>Subject to the above we will develop a delivery plan and arrange a further meeting of T&amp;F group at the earliest opportunity to kick start this work stream.</li> </ul>	We are unable to commit to an end date at present.	<p><b>RED</b></p> <p>Pressure of EU exit related work on policy and internal support services have delayed this work. At present a delivery plan for this work stream cannot be developed.</p>

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	<p>Welsh Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will not be able to develop a delivery plan and progress this work stream until we are able to secure additional support services resource.</li> </ul>				
<p><b>Priority 3 - Cockle Management Plan</b> - Improve cockle management in Wales.</p> <p><b>Lead: Mark Tilling</b>  <a href="mailto:Mark.Tilling@gov.wales">Mark.Tilling@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project manager to undertake deeper review of accounts and experience based options in light of recent industry feedback.</li> <li>• Combine document linking existing proposals together nearing final draft</li> <li>• Surgeries complete with salient points gathered</li> <li>• Ecosystem Threshold Model did not receive any response, after feedback, due to timings- Intend re issuing for tender with extended time periods</li> <li>• Work began on final consultation document</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Follow up meeting with legal undertaken regarding advice received</li> <li>• One Permit allocation policy option has been agreed by project group and board.</li> <li>• Good progress made on the costing options for the permit, conclusions reached on costing of application stage.</li> <li>• Surgeries Organised and undertaken with industry contacts who attended the meetings last year. Salient points noted</li> <li>• Final document regarding application ready to share with Local Authority representatives.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Final draft of costings document complete</li> <li>• Completed draft of consultation document complete ready for legal advice</li> <li>• Final draft of experience/accounts related sifts complete ready for Legal advice</li> </ul> <p>Minimum use policy scoping complete</p>	<p>Target completion date will be determined by the reworked delivery plan.</p>	<p><b>AMBER</b></p>

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<p><b>European Maritime &amp; Fisheries Fund</b> -To fully open EMFF and to offer policy input into delivering projects to ensure that EMFF is fully allocated in Wales to support a vibrant and sustainable fishing industry in readiness for EU Exit.</p> <p><b>Lead – Bethan Jones</b> Bethan.jones6@gov.wales</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) fully opened in January 2017.</li> <li>Core budget excluding the statutory budget allocated to Data Collection and Control and Enforcement is £9.9m</li> <li>As at 20 February 2018, 41 full applications have been received, with a total grant request of £10.4m (just under £8.5m EMFF). Of these, 9 approved projects are currently in delivery, with just under £1.2m of grant (EMFF grant value of just under £1m) awarded across these projects.</li> <li>Grant awarded to progress the Welsh National Marine Plan and the four Fisheries Local Action Groups (FLAGS) to cover their running costs and the implementation of local development strategies.</li> <li>Based on consultation with industry, which shaped the EMFF programme coupled with the low uptake of the equivalent 2000-2007 European Fisheries Fund Measure, the EMFF engine replacement Measure hasn't been activated in Wales.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fisheries Business Development Advisors Scheme (FBDA) is set to reopen with a limited budget and be managed by Marine and Fisheries Division.</li> <li>Seven Project Outline forms submitted related to pot replacement all 7 have been progressed to invitation to submit full application. Following initial checks, all seven are in line with requirements of the EMFF Regulation and the Policy position on pot replacements. No submitted applications from these yet.</li> <li>Grant has been awarded to Menter a Busnes with Seafish for the Marketing project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clarification to be provided on the eligibility of adaptations to pots rather than pot replacements where this is the preference of the applicant. COMPLETED</li> <li>Ongoing promotion of the schemes to business and stakeholders as resources allow, in an attempt to increase uptake of grant. ONGOING</li> <li>Conversion rate from project outline stage to full application is low at this stage despite availability of FBDA support. Need to establish what the barriers are to full application and identify what additional support (if any) is needed.</li> <li>Actively encourage industry to respond quickly to any queries raised during appraisal stage by SMU to speed up delivery. ONGOING</li> </ul>	<p>N/A</p>	<p><b>RED</b></p> <p>As of 20 February 2018, 41 full applications have been received, with a total grant request of £10.4m (just under £8.5m EMFF)., and of these, only 9 approved projects are currently in delivery, with just under £1.2m of grant (EMFF grant value of just under £1m) awarded across these projects. Only <b>12%</b> of the total grant requested is in delivery.</p>

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<p><b>Fixed Administrative Penalties</b> – To develop and update the current system for issuing Fixed Administrative Penalties.</p> <p><b>Lead - Joey Hughes</b>  <a href="mailto:Joey.hughes@gov.wales">Joey.hughes@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives behind FAPs:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>offer non court alternative for minor offences</i></li> <li>○ <i>enable penalties to be applied more rapidly</i></li> <li>○ <i>reduce cost and uncertainty for fishermen</i></li> <li>○ <i>provide a consistent approach</i></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Wales already has powers to issue FAPs as alternative to court for CFP offences. The intention is to extend this offer to domestic offences, and on maintaining the current penalty levels but extending the maximum total fine allowed for multiple offences.</li> <li>• Consultation documents, (Regulatory Impact Assessment) RIA, and payment systems / options in development.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have mapped out how the current offence categories will need to be amended to take account of domestic offences; this will form part of the consultation document.</li> <li>• A draft consultation document has been produced and shared with Legal Services; we await comments on the latest draft.</li> <li>• Draft RIA (regulatory impact assessment) prepared to accompany the Consultation Document is currently awaiting further comments from WG Economists.</li> <li>• Payment system options still being mapped out with Finance – ongoing.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions will continue with finance colleagues to map out payment system options and how they will be managed.</li> <li>• Following comments from senior officials, the intention is to seek Ministerial permission to go out to consultation in July for a full 12 weeks. This would also give WMFAG the option to discuss it at one of their meetings while the consultation was live.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Autumn 2018 (scheme ready).</li> <li>• Winter 2018/19 (laid down).</li> </ul>	<p><b>amber</b></p>

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<p><b>Assessing Welsh Fisheries</b></p> <p><b>Lead – Nicola Britton</b>  <a href="mailto:Nicola.britton@gov.wales">Nicola.britton@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRW working on 63 marine mammal assessments; aim to complete by end March 2018 and share with WG and x-border agencies for comment before publication.</li> <li>Final QA of assessments before publishing all 63 assessments on WG and NRW websites in April 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work slowed due to other priorities in NRW (sector specialists). NRW internal Project Board re-worked deliverables to reflect these challenges.</li> <li>Work has picked up again in new year with sector experts being available and extra resource being secured to support the Project Officer.</li> <li>WG have secured resource, Michelle Billing who has joined M&amp;F Division (April 2018), to work with Stuart Evans to accelerate the work being undertaken on Assessing Welsh Fisheries. This will include the Policy Implementation of the identified management needs from Assessed Activities. This includes development and implementation of management actions to deliver and address the requirements of the Habitats Directive.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>63 mammal assessments will be published on both WG and NRW websites in April 2018 rather than December 2017.</li> <li>All other assessment s will be progressed over the next 2 years as part of the ongoing project.</li> <li>The next batch of assessments will be potting.</li> <li>New Project Manager (MB) commenced in WG in April 2018.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>End April 2018 for 63 mammal assessments.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AMBER</b></p> <p>WG Secured new resource who joined the M&amp;F Division in April 2018. They will begin to review options for policy implementation of identified management needs for the purple assessed activities.</p>
<p><b>Developing Management Measures for Queen scallops</b></p> <p><b>Lead – Janet Perry</b>  <a href="mailto:Janet.perry@gov.wales">Janet.perry@gov.wales</a></p>	<p>Officials have sought legal advice to progress with:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>proposed measure for a three month closure for 2018 (April, May and June) to</li> </ol>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advice has now gone to the Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs and officials are awaiting her</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Awaiting Cabinet Secretary for Energy, Planning and Rural Affairs recommendations.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring 2018 when revised licence conditions will be introduced.</li> </ul>	<p><b>AMBER</b></p> <p>Seasonal closure for the fishery implemented via a licence condition.</p>

	<p>allow for the spawning season; and</p> <p>2) an increase to the Minimum Conservation Reference Size for Queen Scallops to 50mm (with a possible increase to 55mm in the future).</p>	<p>recommendations.</p>			<p>Options for implementing a MCRS increase being explored.</p>
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<p><b>Welsh National Marine Plan</b></p> <p><b>Lead – John Hamer</b>  <a href="mailto:John.Hamer@gov.wales">John.Hamer@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considering 86 responses to consultation and amendments to draft plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responses to consultation and from engagement categorised and added to database to ease analysis and support any necessary further investigation.</li> <li>CCERA Committee workshop held on draft plan on 14 Mar, and national marine planning conference 20 Feb.</li> <li>Stakeholder Reference Group met on 3 Apr to consider feedback from events and progress with wider planning programme.</li> <li>Held EMFF project advisory group meeting.</li> <li>Continued development of marine planning evidence roadmap.</li> <li>5 year agreement has been put in place for the RYA UK Coastal Atlas of Recreational Boating GIS dataset. Data being added to portal.</li> <li>Continued with Monitoring and Reporting development and cross border working arrangements.</li> <li>Subnational planning report finalised and next steps agreed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analyse responses and submit advice to the Cabinet Secretary including consideration of need for independent investigation;</li> <li>Amend the Plan and SA / HRA in accordance with the consultation responses as appropriate;</li> <li>Engage with policy leads across WG and UK to agree any changes to policies.</li> <li>Statutory consultee workshop to consider SA and HRA with consultees from UK authorities and Republic of Ireland.</li> <li>Develop summary of responses to the consultation to be publicised.</li> <li>Work with MMO and others to develop cross-border policy and ways of working for the Severn Estuary and Dee.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BAU – ongoing delivery work stream</li> </ul>	<p><b>GREEN</b></p>

Common Fisheries Policy updates	State of Play	Progress since last WMFAG meeting (7/3/18)	Actions before next WMFAG meeting
<p><b>Common Fisheries Policy</b> - To successfully implement the provisions of the Common Fisheries Policy.</p> <p><b>Lead – Mark Stafford</b>  <a href="mailto:Mark.stafford@gov.wales">Mark.stafford@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Landing Obligation has entered the final year of phasing-in before full implementation in 2019.</li> <li>• Prospect of ‘choke species’ risks/impacts have been highlighted at highest political levels.</li> <li>• TAC level setting continues to increase numbers of stocks operating at fMSY</li> <li>• Reviewed Tech Con Regulation continues progress through Joint Decision processes. Anticipated Sept/Oct 2018.</li> </ul> <p>Review of Control Regulation to assimilate ‘Omnibus Regulation’ to be launched.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuing engagement with UKDAs on development of UK position.</li> <li>• Identification and notification of particular choke risks in Welsh fisheries (rays &amp; plaice).</li> <li>• Continuing engagement in NWW regional group discussions under new (1/1/18) Ireland presidency. UK Choke solutions paper in preparation.</li> <li>• Identification of associated technical measures on choke that threaten unintended consequence on Welsh fishers with particular relevance to Celtic Sea.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor developments and ensure Welsh interest is defended.</li> <li>• Continue engagement with NWW process.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bass</b> - To develop and implement domestic and EU management measures to ensure the sea bass fishery in Wales is managed effectively and sustainably. (Covering all Welsh waters but principally concerned with fisheries in the 12nm).</p> <p><b>Lead: Mike Jones</b>  <a href="mailto:Michael.jones@gov.wales">Michael.jones@gov.wales</a></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management measures for 2018 agreed at December 2017 EU Council.</li> <li>• Provisional settlement pending a ‘benchmarking’ exercise of science advice to be undertaken by Commission to report by April 18.</li> <li>• Domestic measures consideration on hold until EU management stabilises.</li> <li>• Recreational fish sampling programme developed to complement other</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Context of 2018 EU management now understood.</li> <li>• Wales considerations significantly influenced management measures particularly around flexibility of fixed netting catch allowances and limitation of hook &amp; line reductions.</li> <li>• Vessel licences varied to reflect TQR requirements and guidance published on WG website.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receive and consider outcome of benchmarking exercise and expected fresh management proposals from EU Com.</li> </ul>



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<p><b>Wales Seafood Strategy</b> - To facilitate the development of a thriving, vibrant, safe, and sustainable seafood industry for Wales. Target: 30% sustainable growth of the Welsh seafood industry by 2025. 4 Key Actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robust Evidence Base</li> <li>2. Appropriate Regulation</li> <li>3. Business Investment and Growth</li> <li>4. Marketing and Promotion</li> </ol> <p><b>Lead – Bethan Jones</b>  <a href="mailto:Bethan.jones6@gov.wales">Bethan.jones6@gov.wales</a></p>	<p>Robust Evidence Base</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Centre of Seafood Excellence – virtual hub for all research – concept paper developed by Bangor University.</li> </ul> <p>Appropriate Regulation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• See Scallops, Whelks and Cockles</li> </ul> <p>Business Investment and Growth</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Health and Training EMFF application approved.</li> <li>• Funding awarded to Seafish by Welsh Government for Personal Flotation Devices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited interest in attendance at SEG by businesses. However 35 viable enquiries were received on the stand to WG officials (excluding those made directly to businesses present)</li> <li>• Welsh Seafood promotional produced and used in SEG2018</li> <li>• Wales Pavilion at SEG 2018</li> <li>• Promotional film available to all overseas offices and available on Marine Wales website.</li> <li>• Seafood Export brochure produced in two languages so far and further languages will be available and shared with overseas offices</li> <li>• AAG meeting cancelled due to lack of attendance</li> </ul> <p>Miller Research appointed to carry out sector readiness work (on the Agenda)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing market and trade development.</li> <li>• Sector readiness for Brexit work ongoing with recommendations from Miller Research work to be turned into an action plan and delivery programme.</li> <li>• Ongoing work on Export Certificates and Non Tariff Barriers.</li> <li>• SEG2018 enquiries to be followed up by officials.</li> <li>• AAG meeting to be rearranged. TOR to include quorum for future meetings</li> </ul>

The Group will maintain a watching brief of the following:

Emerging Fisheries	State of Play	Progress since last WMFAG meeting (7 March 2018)	Actions before next WMFAG meeting	Anticipated End Date
<b>WRASSE</b> <b>Lead - Mike Jones</b> <a href="mailto:Michael.jones@gov.wales">Michael.jones@gov.wales</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently assessing wild capture activity and potential demand from aquaculture sector. In 2017 no live wrasse were purchased from Wales to supply salmon farming industry in Scotland with 'cleaner fish'.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discussions with aquaculture industry continue, provisional meeting date rearranged.</li> <li></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Depending on the level of activity and the business plans of the salmon farming industry consider development of a Code of Practice.</li> </ul>	<p>NA</p>
<b>Razor Clam Fishery</b> <b>Lead - science</b> <a href="mailto:Jenni.hartley@gov.wales">Jenni.hartley@gov.wales</a>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently no restrictions apart from closure in North Wales (Llanfairfechan).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We have received a report assessing potential methodologies for assessing the razor clam stock across Wales and to inform any subsequent management plan - see item 9(iii).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Consider findings of report to develop a pilot survey plan for Llanfairfechan.</li> <li></li> <li></li> </ul>	<p>Not known</p>

## Potential Future Policy Development Areas

The items listed below have been raised as issues by group members and added to by policy officials for future policy development. Once the current policy priorities have been completed members views will be sought about which of these items will be progressed.

Issue/ Species	Objective	How would this work meet our sustainable management objectives?	Timescales and priority (How important is the work?)	WG comments
<b>1. Export Certificates -</b> Following EU withdrawal all UK exports to Europe will require Export Certificates.	Create an online system for generating export certificates to ensure continued ability to export fisheries products to the EU	Continued trade with Europe is critical for future sustainability of Welsh industry.	<b>Critical:</b> Assuming UK becomes 3 <sup>rd</sup> country when it leaves Europe System must be in place on day one to ensure exports to Europe can continue.	WG currently working with MMO and Marine Scotland to develop an electronic export certificate system for day 1 readiness
<b>2. Under 10m catch reporting</b>	Improve the data collection from the under 10m fleet in Wales to improve fisheries management capability and fishing opportunities. Export certificates will be reliant on electronic submission of catch data	Accurate up to date catch reporting stats will assist with the maximising the benefit of fishing opportunities in Wales. IVMS along with U10 catch reporting will assist in the delivery of good environmental status of fisheries stocks in wales under MSFD.	<b>Critical:</b> Export certificates will rely on accurate and timely catch information so system is required for day 1.	Work has begun alongside MMO and Marine Scotland on u10m catch reporting system. Control and Enforcement EMFF application has been submitted to include u10m catch reporting project. See Ops Note.
<b>3. Inshore VMS</b>	Improve understanding of how fleet operates in Wales and develop robust dataset to show areas of fishing activity. Ensure recognition and appropriate consideration of fishing activity areas within Welsh waters in accordance with Welsh National Marine Plan.	IVMS along with u10m catch reporting will assist in the delivery of good environmental status of fisheries stocks in wales under MSFD	<b>Important:</b> Project expected to be fully delivered to fleet by 2021	Control and Enforcement EMFF application has been submitted to include IVMS project. See Ops Note
<b>4. Berried Lobsters</b>	Evidence led, sustainable and adaptive/flexible fisheries management:	To further an evidence base and evaluation of existing measures to inform an adaptive management regime that supports the Principles of SMNR locally, regionally and nationally:	<b>Important</b>	Consider in part II of the Wales Crustacean review

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<p><b>5. Recreational Fishing / Angling</b></p>	<p>Species caught and landed are reported and counted consistent with SMNR and proposed Amendments to Buyers &amp; Sellers’ regulations:</p>	<p>With the exception of permitting for potting there is no control or effective means to accurately monitor the species caught and landed or method of capture. The Buyers &amp; Sellers legislation is derived from the CFP and is consequently restricted to fishing vessels by extending the powers of Welsh Ministers to include all fisheries in Wales Under the Buyers &amp; Sellers Legislation. Fisheries managers would have the data necessary to inform the SMNR:</p>	<p>Not clear</p>	<p>Further information required before developing policy</p>
<p><b>6. Dee Estuary Fisheries management</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review current Dee estuary byelaws.</li> <li>• Identify main fisheries taking place within estuary including methods. Understand geographical spread, quantity and scale of fishing operations within the estuary.</li> <li>• Consider interactions between different fishing operations and interaction between Welsh/English boundary.</li> </ul>	<p>Current byelaws are dated. Review is necessary to ensure fishing operations that are currently taking place are at a sustainable level. This will ensure the long term sustainability of fisheries in the area in line with the requirements of the WBFGA. Byelaws on English side of the estuary are also being considered for review. This will need to be factored in to ensure compatibility and so that Welsh industry is not disadvantaged.</p>	<p>Initial review of current state of fishery will identify what level of priority this piece of work is given.</p>	<p>WG officials are in discussion over future management of this area with other organisations with remit in area. (MMO NWIFCA, EA, NRW).</p>