AFICA Members Forum DRAFT MINUTES

4th March 2025 ONLINE

Meeting started 10:33

In attendance

Robert Clark
Mike Williams (Vice Chair)
John Lamb
Mike Elliott
Mark Southerton
Tony Tomlinson (Chair)
Philip Capper
Julian Gregory
Pia Bateman
Mark Taylor
Mat Mander
Samantha Davis
Tom FitzPatrick
Paul Fuller
Peter Jones
Will Wright
David McCandless
Mike Elliott
Amelia Henderson (part)
Paul Fuller (part)

Also in attendance
Tim Smith
Simon Pengelly

1. Apologies for absence

Cllr Andy Guy
Colin Trundle

2. Declarations of Interest

none

3. Chairmans Announcements

The Chairman gave details of a Parliamentary Event to be held on 17th March 2025

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings

4a Members approved the draft Minutes of the December Members Forum Meeting
4b Members noted the minutes of the last meeting.

5. Progress Reports

a) The Finalised annual accounts were received and noted.
b) Members received and discussed a Several and Regulating Order update, considering the implications for their management. The AIFCA circulated its response. Members agreed to provide copies of their responses to the AIFCA.

c) Members received the finalised Newcastle University Conversations with IFCA and Theory of Change Report. The Chief Officer was asked to thank Dr Coulthard for their comprehensive report.
d) Members received the outcomes of the Inshore Fisheries Workshops summaries entitled Securing Sustainable Inshore Fisheries in the UK A vision and priority action plan to maintain thriving and sustainable fishing livelihoods. Members agreed that the work helps support the need for greater recognition of the importance of the inshore fishing fleet.
e) Members noted the success of the IFCA training event in Brixham 2025. Members heard how this was the first time that a national environment and research training event had been delivered. Its delivery alongside the Compliance and enforcement training had worked well. Members recorded their thanks to the trainers and organisers.

ITEM(S) FOR DECISION

6. Budget Control Statement
Members approved the Budget Control Statement.

ITEM(S) FOR INFORMATION

7. Conduct and Operations Report
Members discussed and noted the IFCAs Conduct and Operations Report. Members provided feedback on the report. Welcoming the recommendations but noting concerns about the methodology and the framework (in so far as there was limited reference to the legal duties, nor achievements) the members agreed to work collaboratively with Defra to address the recommendations. To that end, members agreed that the Chief Officer works with the Chief Officers Group and report back with an Action Plan to address the immediate recommendations.

8. Annual Delivery Plan
Members discussed the annual delivery plan, and it was agreed.

9. Officers Reports
Members noted to the Chief Officers Report.

10. The 2025/6 Budget
Members received a final version of the 2025/6 Budget

11. Dates of Meetings 2025/6
Members noted the meeting dates for 2025/6 as AGM 3rd June 2025 London, 2nd September 2025, Online, 2nd December 2025 Online

PRESENTATIONS
The Senior Technical Officer presented on;

1) Marine Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment Programme project: Measuring Balance in Inshore Fisheries Management, an Isles of Scilly case study.
2) Marine Natural Capital and Ecosystem Assessment Programme project: Social Values from well-managed inshore crustacea fisheries.

Meeting ended 13:01