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Channel Demersal Non-Quota Species FMP

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Overview

- Introduction to the Channel demersal non-quota species FMP
- MMO approach to FMP development
- Progress and next steps

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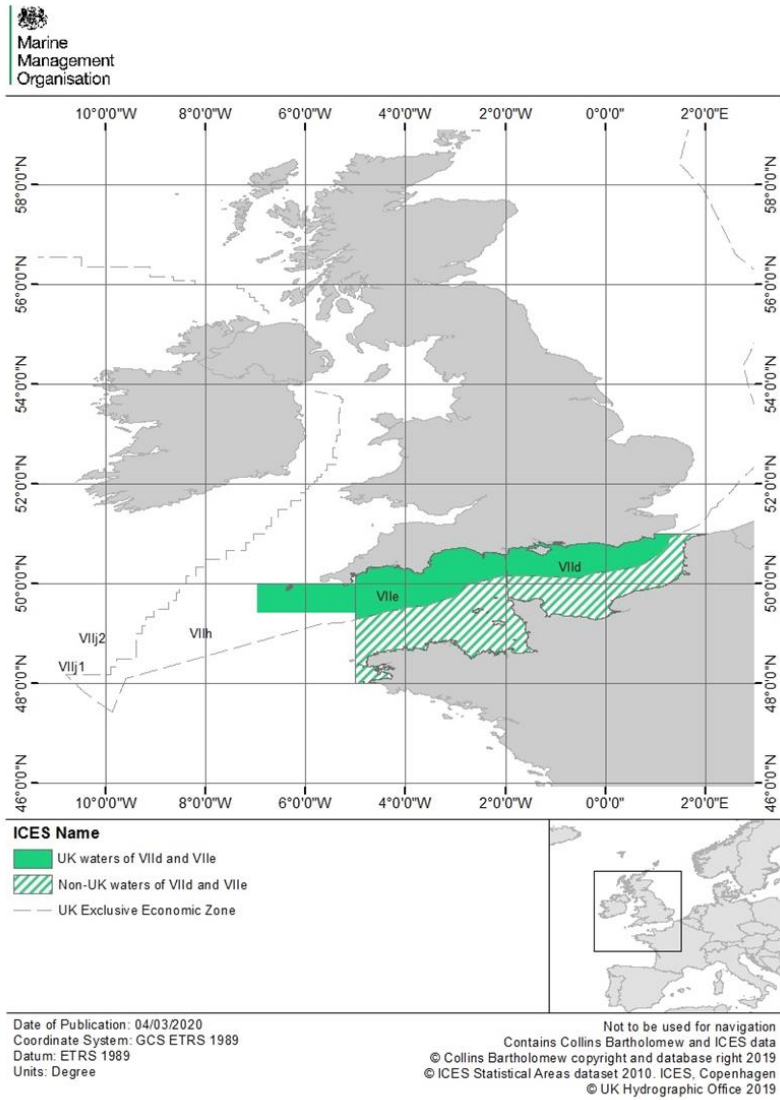


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Introduction to the Channel demersal NQS FMP

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Introduction to Channel demersal non-quota species FMP



- MMO is the delivery lead for the Channel demersal non-quota species FMP (Channel NQS FMP)
- Covers UK waters of ICES areas 7D and 7E (solid green)
- Species included:
 - **Red/Tub/Grey Gurnards**
 - **Cuttlefish**
 - **Squid**
 - **Octopus**
 - **John Dory**
 - **(Red)Surmullet**
 - **Lesser Spotted Dogfish**
 - **Turbot**
 - **Lemon Sole***
 - **Bib***
 - **Brill***
 - **Smoothhound***

**included after stakeholder feedback and scoping phase research*

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Species included within the FMP



red gurnard



tub gurnard



grey gurnard



cuttlefish



bib



octopus



John dory



red mullet



lemon sole



lesser spotted dogfish



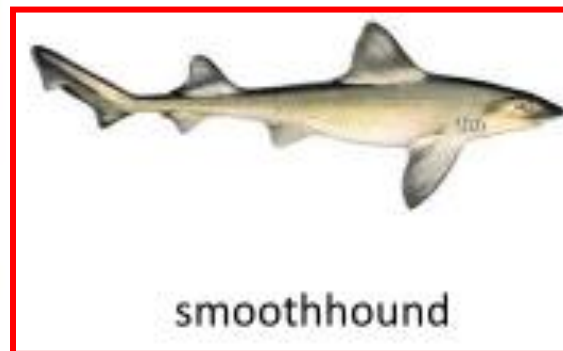
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squid



turbot



smoothhound

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Non-Quota species management is complex

- There are more than 14 non-quota species to be considered in the Channel NQS FMP.
- Non-quota species are data poor.
- Non-quota species are caught in mixed fisheries with quota species.
- The species are caught using a variety of fishing methods but largely by towed gears.
- Some non-quota species will be covered by other FMPs and are therefore not included in the Channel NQS FMP
- The interaction with other FMPs must be considered.

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MMO Approach to FMP Development

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Channel demersal NQS FMP timeline



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Channel demersal NQS FMP working group

FMPs are an opportunity for regulators, government representatives and stakeholders to work **collaboratively** and in a **participatory** way.

The Channel demersal NQS FMP working group was established to **guide the development and direction** of the draft FMP through 'co-design' and 'co-refine'.

Working groups are held regularly and **minutes and outputs published online (GOV.UK) alongside video updates**. This is important for **transparency** and for interested stakeholders to keep informed about the FMP development.

Working group sessions may be independently facilitated to ensure opportunity for all members to participate.

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November Working Group

[November working group meeting feedback - video](#)



[NQS FMP November WG meeting minutes](#)

PDF, 179 KB, 6 pages



[November WG combined presentations](#)

PDF, 1.34 MB, 25 pages

[Channel demersal non-quota species Fisheries Management Plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

Contact the MMO FMP team at
FMP@marinemanagement.org.uk

The evidence advisory group (EAG) was established to provide **independent technical and expert advice to support and inform** the working group and the MMO's decision-making regarding the FMP goals, evidence requirements and scoping out potential management measures

It comprises of representatives from across the **commercial and recreational fishing industry, academia, government and eNGOs** who have **technical expertise relevant to the Channel NQS FMP**.

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November Evidence Advisory Group



[1st Evidence Advisory Group meeting - slides](#)

PDF, 453 KB, 12 pages



[1st Evidence Advisory Group meeting - Group Minutes](#)

PDF, 162 KB, 4 pages

Minutes and outputs are published online

[Channel demersal non-quota species Fisheries Management Plan - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444444/Channel_demersal_non-quota_species_Fisheries_Management_Plan_-_GOV.UK.pdf)



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Progress to date and next steps

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Progress: Channel demersal NQS FMP

What are we working on:

FMP vision

- This outlines the overall purpose of the FMP

FMP goals

- These are specific goals which set out the outcomes and actions that need to be taken to achieve the vision of the Channel NQS FMP.

Evidence

- Collating and reviewing the available evidence.

Draft FMP

- Drafting the FMP in preparation for working group and stakeholder input.

What are we going to do:

FMP Goal development

- Workshops with the working group and EAG to further develop the goals and evidence requirements.

Stakeholder engagement

- Update on FMP progress and opportunities for feeding back.
- Introduce the vision and goals to the wider interested stakeholders through a series of quayside visits and online sessions.

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Next Steps: Stakeholder Engagement

Initial engagement in summer 2022 identified that **face to face visits** on the quayside was the **preferred way to engage**, update and get feedback on the FMP.

For engagement to be effective stakeholders want something ‘real’ to talk about and feedback on, not just a general update.

A series of face to face and online engagement has now been planned for February and March (*NB dates and locations may be subject to change*)

Eastern Channel (7d) February

- 21st February – Poole, Rye, Hastings, Gosport
- 22nd February – Portsmouth, Hastings, Selsey
- 23rd February – Shoreham, Eastbourne, Brighton, Newhaven

Western Channel (7e) March

- 7th March – Weymouth, Lyme Regis
- 8th March – Newlyn, Lyme Regis, Axmouth
- 9th March – Fowey, Exmouth, Looe, Plymouth
- 10th March – Mevagissey, Brixham

Online

20th and 22nd February, 7th and 9th March

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Thank you

For more information please visit our website at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/channel-demersal-non-quota-species-fisheries-management-plan>

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