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Achievements in 2010/2011

- Becoming the first organisation to develop an integrated planning system for England's marine area
- Adapting to a reduced budget through increased efficiency and improved collaboration and delivering around 5 per cent efficiency savings in year totalling £1.5 million.
- Approving £4.5 million of grants from the European Fisheries Fund for 128 projects in England which will benefit fishermen, the fishing industry and coastal communities.
- Introducing a new streamlined system that has resulted in clearer, simpler and quicker decisions for marine licences. This will also lead to full cost recovery of the MMO's licensing function.
- Delivering new nature conservation duties, including making its first byelaw to limit detrimental impact on a European marine site.
- Working with other agencies to create effective marine pollution response plans and advising the US government on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill.
- Increasing engagement with the fishing industry to inform management of UK fisheries quota and fleet capacity and ensuring stocks were not overfished.



The MMO's year at a glance

Highlights of the MMO's activities in its first year

April to June 2010

- Launch of the MMO hailed as a "streamlined organisation" by ministers and a "defining moment" for marine resources.
- Engagement plans were implemented and a framework to measure customer satisfaction with the MMO was put in place. A survey was carried out in the year which rated overall customer satisfaction at 69%.
- An investigation into seal deaths off the North Norfolk coast was launched as part of the MMO's nature conservation duties.
- Meetings were held with fishermen in East Anglia and Kent to discuss the impact of fisheries closures and ideas for quota management.

July to September 2010

- A rare angel shark was discovered by MMO staff while inspecting fish market sales in Plymouth. This was later given to the Natural History Museum.
- A simplified process for applying for grants from the European Fisheries Fund in England was established.
- Fishermen and other interested parties were invited to apply for grants from the Fisheries Challenge Fund towards research into fisheries management issues.
- All memoranda of understanding and service level agreements with delivery partners were completed.
- The annual UK Sea Fisheries Statistics were published. These provide a broad picture of the UK fishing industry and its operations. Information about the UK fleet dating back to 1866 is available on the MMO website.
- A programme for involving stakeholders in statutory consultations was established.
- A policy on data use and how the MMO assesses information when making decisions was published.

October to December 2010

- The first two English marine plan areas were selected, East Inshore and East Offshore, the sea areas off the coast between Flamborough Head in East Riding of Yorkshire to Felixstowe in Suffolk. Development of these plans began in April 2011.
- Committee members for the ten inshore fisheries and conservation authorities (IFCAs) were recruited. The IFCAs are tasked with the sustainable management of inshore sea fisheries resources in their local area.
- Developed operational advice and provided information on possible management measures to inform the selection process for marine conservation zone sites.
- The £6 million modernisation of the Western Quay in North Shields was completed. This was funded with a £2 million grant from the European Fisheries Fund, the largest approved by the MMO.
- Carried out a response exercise alongside other agencies to test procedures for handling marine emergencies.
- Called for fishermen to get involved and provide information for use in setting monthly catch limits.
- Established communities of interest groups to involve stakeholders in developments such as marine planning, conservation and licensing.
- Consulted delivery partners on risk and collaboration-based enforcement models for fisheries management and nature conservation and put these into practice.
- Established a scientific advisory group.

January to March 2011

- First emergency byelaw was issued, which aimed to protect the Portsmouth Harbour European Marine Site.
- Published a statement of public participation for the first two marine plan areas, which outlined how and when people can get involved with plan making, including a timetable for the two-year process.
- Prepared for the roll-out of the new streamlined marine licensing system on 6 April 2011. This included reviewing and seeking customers' views on the fees and charging policy for marine licences.
- Reviewed role in responding to pollution and other marine emergencies, including revising contingency plans.
- Established data-sharing and sourcing partnerships with industry, academia and other groups.

More information about the MMO and its work

The MMO is committed to being open and transparent in the delivery of its duties in line with the principles of better regulation, making use of the best available evidence. The MMO provides people, industry and organisations with opportunities to engage in and understand our decisions.



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