

Fisheries Group Work Plan 2005-2006

NSC Fisheries Group Key Activity	Action	Responsibility	Timescale	Staffing/resources	Output
Continue to improve relations between fishers and scientists relations	Form small steering group to discuss the future of NSCFP	Co-ordinator – Chair NSCFP	2005	Co-ordinators and NSCFP Chair time	New NSCFP which would include Control Agencies
Improve Stakeholder participation and stewardship	Establish North Sea Commission Inshore Fisheries Forum Consult with Member State Administrations Search for funding	Co-ordinator – Vastra Gotaland Region & Shetland Islands Council	2005 / 2006	Establishing secretariat - Chair for Forum	Establishment of NSC Fisheries Forum Assist with organisation of CPMR Coastal Seminar
Resolve controversy over the advantages of selling or leasing fishing rights to fishers	Arrange a seminar on the advantages & disadvantages of different fishing rights systems	Co-ordinator + group members	2005 -2006	Co-ordinator + 2 others time. Funding for small seminar	Promote the greater use of economic and social impact assessments in management decisions. Organise small seminar on the commercialisation of fishing quotas - rights
Safety on, around and in the North Sea	Invite the Scottish Fishermen's Federation Services to attend the next meeting of NSCFG to identify areas of co-operation and to highlight their work.	Co-ordinator + one	September 2005	Travel costs for speaker – Co-ordinators budget	Prepare a report on Maritime safety (relating to fisheries and oil & gas sectors)

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CPMR Fisheries INTERCOM GROUP	Support CPMR FIG Chair & Secretariat with future work	Co-ordinator, Shetland Islands Council, CPMR, NSC Secretariat	Meeting with CPMR – 30/31 March. CPMR FUG Meeting BRUSSELS 28 April - ongoing	Co-ordinator, Shetland Islands Council, CPMR & NSC Secretariat	Closer working between NSCFG – CPMR FIG to encourage more effective and efficient use of time and resources.
Take forward actions from NSC Conference “The North Sea – Today and Tomorrow”	Analyse final conference report	Co-ordinator	June 2005	Co-ordinator’s time	
OSPAR observership	Take part in relevant meetings and working groups	NSC Secretariat and co-ordinator	Ongoing	Time of staff from relevant NSC member regions	Contributions to OSPAR policies and decisions
CONSSO	Take part in meetings of CONSSO issue group on fisheries	NSC Secretariat and co-ordinator	Ongoing	Co-ordinator’s time	Preparation of North Sea Ministerial Declaration