
Overview

This standard is about establishing procedures to control and deal with unauthorised activities at a fishery. Activities include illegal and unauthorised fishing and fish stocking. It covers identifying the potential risks that a fishery faces and establishing appropriate procedures to support the monitoring of a fishery.

This standard requires the ability to advise and communicate with colleagues and the general public, and the ability to seek advice from relevant enforcement authorities.

The relevant legislation controlling the application of this standard will vary depending on the location of the fishery – in England, Wales, Northern Ireland or Scotland.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. collate and analyse information from the relevant sources to establish procedures to control risks to the fishery from unauthorised activities
2. determine the potential risks presented to the fishery from unauthorised fishing and fish stocking
3. establish procedures to control fishing and fish-stocking activities, in accordance with the relevant legal requirements and assessed risks
4. establish procedures to effectively monitor activities at a fishery
5. establish procedures to deal with incidents of unauthorised fishing and fish-stocking activities in accordance with the relevant legal requirements
6. confirm that all procedures meet the relevant health and safety, environmental, biosecurity and other relevant legal requirements
7. communicate procedures to all those involved in the implementation
8. establish effective systems for reporting and recording unauthorised activities at the fishery
9. identify and establish the resources required to effectively control risks to fishing activity
10. confirm that fishery security is maintained in accordance with the established procedures
11. seek advice from the appropriate enforcement authorities when required

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the relevant legislation associated with the control of unauthorised activities at a fishery
2. the powers, privileges, duties and responsibilities of bailiffs, fisheries officers and enforcement authorities, that are relevant to establishing procedures to control unauthorised activities on a fishery
3. how to determine the risk to the fishery posed by unauthorised fishing and fish-stocking activities
4. how to establish procedures to monitor and control risks to the fishery from unauthorised activities, and deal with incidents of unauthorised fishing and fish stocking
5. the importance of ensuring that procedures to control risks to the fishery from unauthorised activities are communicated to all those involved in their implementation
6. the importance of ensuring that fishery security is maintained in accordance with the established procedures
7. the signs that indicate unauthorised and illegal fishing or fish stocking and how to recognise these
8. the periods of the year when fish are most vulnerable to unauthorised and illegal fishing activity
9. the devices that can be deployed to prevent unauthorised fishing
10. the characteristics of your fishery, including its vulnerable locations and habitats
11. how to deal legally with incidents of unauthorised fishing or fish stocking
12. where to obtain advice about establishing procedures to control risks to activities at a fishery
13. how to establish recording and reporting systems
14. the agencies involved with fisheries enforcement and how these interact with each other
15. the relevant health and safety, environmental, biosecurity and other legal requirements that relate to controlling risks to activities at a fishery

Glossary

Enforcement authorities:

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO)

The Environment Agency (EA)

Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)

Natural Resources Wales (NRW)

Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)

The police

Fisheries boards

Illegal fishing

Any fishing activity that contravenes fishing legislation

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