

Control Programme 2009 form : Commission Regulation (EC) No. 391/2007 of 11 April 2007 laying down detailed rules for the implementation of Council Regulation 861/2006 (Article 8) as regards the expenditure incurred by Member States in implementing the monitoring and control systems applicable to the CFP. Article 3, Annexes II, III and IV of Commission Regulation (EC) No 391/2007 describes eligible items and (Annex V) as non-eligible items.

Please complete all questions and include any other information that will support your programme. Please return this form by e-mail to: Kanti.merai@mfa.gsi.gov.uk

1. Brief description of the administrative bodies in charge of fisheries control at national, regional and local level:

(1 a) What are the main objectives of your control programme?

The primary overriding objectives of our control programme are the conservation, management and future sustainability of fisheries resources off the Eastern coast of England. These objectives are targeted, primarily, through the enforcement of technical and conservation measures contained within EC 850/98 (particularly Articles 4 to 16 governing the construction and use of towed and fixed gears and Articles 17 to 19 governing the minimum sizes of marine organisms) and additionally through the enforcement of North Sea cod recovery measures contained within EC 2056/2001 and both UK National fisheries legislation and local Sea Fisheries Committee Byelaws.

Other objectives of the control programme relate to the monitoring of offshore activities in combination with the provisions of the EC Habitats and Bird Directives and other associated environmental legislation. Through the control programme we are hoping to expand this area of work to involve the condition monitoring of marine habitat off the East coast of England.

(1 b) Please give detail of the human resources deployed in 2009 for fisheries control

Throughout 2009 the Committee will employ 16 Fishery Officers that conduct fisheries control duties, 2 Administration Officers, 1 Financial Officer and 1 Marine Environment Office. Four Fishery Officers primarily conduct land-based operations within four sub-regions, monitoring landings at port, processing activities and other coastal fishing activities. Ten Fishery Officers primarily operate offshore, manning and operating the Committee's fisheries patrol vessels, monitoring fishing activities at sea. All operational activity is co-ordinated and managed by the Clerk & Chief Fishery Officers and the Deputy Clerk & Fishery Officer.

(1 c) Please give details of the financial resources available for fisheries control

The Committee is funded through precepts levied against three U.K County Councils. The overall budget agreed for 2009/2010 stands at £1,248,450. This budget will support all the Committee's operational activities throughout the next financial year. In addition to the general budget the Committee currently holds funds of £66,929 in research reserves, £203,112 in vessel contingency reserves, £556,576 in patrol vessel renewals reserve and £23,000 in the vehicle renewals reserve all of which have been built up over the last eleven years.

(1 d) Please give details of the number of vessels, aircrafts/helicopters available (if applicable)

i) Technical specifications of the vessel, aircraft or helicopters (including, notably, range and equipment on board for fisheries control):

Throughout 2009 the Committee will utilise a 23 metre offshore patrol vessel combined with a 6.8 metre rigid inflatable sea rider. In addition a 5.5 metre rigid inflatable boat will be used to enforce legislation and manage near-shore fisheries. The 23 metre patrol vessel and the 5.5 metre rigid inflatable boat require an annual refit and the 6.8 metre rigid inflatable boat requires an annual refit.

Technical Specifications:

FPV Protector III. GRP hull, twin engine, 2400HP, 24m LOA, 5 crew, two radars, Satellite GPS, plotter, AIS, VHF and HF radios, telephones, 5 day patrol capability.

FPV Sea Spray. Aluminium hull, RIB, single diesel engine jet drive, 235HP, 6.8m LOA, radar, GPS, plotter, VHF, 8hr patrol capability.

FPV Pisces III GRP, RIB, twin outboard petrol engines, 100HP, 5.5m LOA, GPS, plotter, VHF, 8hr patrol capability.

ii) How many hours or days over a year they are likely to be used for fishery control purposes (and a percentage of their use over year's total activity):

Each of the vessels is used purely for enforcement of UK, EU and local fisheries and environmental legislation. It is envisaged that the use of the vessels in 2009 will be:

FPV Protector III 90 days
FPV Sea Spray 90 days
FPV Pisces III 30 days

iii) In case of modernisation, their life expectancy:

Refitting each of the vessels will ensure a further year of enforcement capability and will extend the life of the vessels. The life expectancy of each of the vessels has been calculated in the ESFJC Business Plan 2009-2010 to be:

FPV Protector III 3-8 years
FPV Sea Spray 5 years
FPV Pisces III 2-3 years

(1 e) List of projects for which a financial contribution is sought;

(1 f) The total cost of the project (VAT excluded);

(1 g) A schedule for completion of each project listed in programme (including a timing estimation of reimbursement requests to be submitted to the Commission).

(1 e) Item (see article 8(a) Council Regulation 861/2006 and Annexes II-IV of Commission Regulation 391/2007 for detail eligible and non-eligible items.	Indicate whether additional equipment or replacing existing equipment	2009 Quantity	(1 f) Estimated Expenditure in 2009 (VAT excluded) (£)	Total (VAT excluded)	Cost per Item (VAT excluded)	(1 g) Schedule completion of each project
1) Computer technology and IT networks: <i>(Please provide brief description of technologies or network required to enhance enforcement by referring to Article and Annexes of above Regulations.)</i>						

2) Remote control technology devices and electronic recording and reporting devices: <i>(Please provide brief description of new technologies or electronic devices needed to enhance enforcement by referring to above Regulations.)</i>	68 VMS units	£170,000	£170,000	£2,500	31 st December 2010
a) Purchase VMS units meeting UK VMS specification to cover 68 entitlements to fish under the WFO1992 (vessels will be operating within the European Marine Site below the LOA of vessels requiring VMS under EU Regulations)	1	£5,000	£5,000	£5,000	
b) Modify UK VMS software to accept additional vessels equipped under this project.	1	£6,000	£6,000	£6,000	
c) Technical support for VMS system during monitoring operations (annual cost)	370,000 approx.	£44,380	£44,380	£0.12/poll	
d) Airtime (VMS polling)					

<p>3) Pilot projects on new technologies: <i>(Please provide brief description of new technologies needed to enhance enforcement by referring to above Regulations.)</i></p>						
<p>4) Training and exchange programmes of control civil servants: <i>(Please provide brief description of training undertaken to monitor and control fishery activities by referring to above Regulations.)</i></p>						
<p>5) Inspection and observer schemes: <i>(Please provide brief description of inspection and observation methods undertaken to monitor fishing activities by referring to above Regulations.)</i></p>						

<p>6) Assessment of public expenditure in the control area: <i>(Please provide brief description of any assessment of public expenditure measures under taken by referring to the above Regulations.)</i></p>						
<p>7) Seminars and Media Tools: <i>(Please provide brief description of what methods employed to educate others ie fishermen, inspectors, public prosecutors etc by referring to above Regulations.)</i></p>						
<p>8) Fisheries Patrol: modernisation of vessels and aircraft: <i>(Please provide brief description of items of purchase or to modernise current vessels, equipment etc. Please note Renting and Leasing contracts are NOI eligible.)</i></p>						

Total										
									£225,380	

2. In addition as required by Article 20 of Council Regulation No. 861/2006 please provide following:

i) Aim:	Provision of fishing vessel positional monitoring through Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) allowing remote fisheries surveillance and enforcement
ii) Description:	Purchase VMS devices to be fitted to all fishing vessels operating within the boundaries of the Wash Fishery Order 1992 and participating in the Regulated and Several Fisheries (cockle and mussel) to better enable protection of this site (the Wash and North Norfolk European Marine Site). The devices will provide accurate vessel positional data for vessels operating within this site that are not required to fit mandatory VMS i.e. those vessels less than 15m LOA. The cockle and mussel fisheries are designated as significant activities within the European Marine Site. This project will allow more effective and efficient targeted fisheries protection and enforcement activities and better management of seaborne resources.
iii) Owner:	Matthew Mander, Clerk & Chief Fishery Officer, Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee.
iv) Location:	Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee, 6North Lynn Business Village, Bergen Way, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE30 2JG, United Kingdom.
v) Estimated Costs:	£225,380
vi) Administrative procedure to be followed and the time scale for its achievement and forecast of reimbursement demands (timings):	These projects will be covered by the existing administrative and financial procedures set out within the Financial Regulations approved by the Joint Committee. These Financial Regulation and the associated accounts of the Joint Committee are annually audited and approved by the UK Audit Commission. Items in excess of £5000 require three written quotations to be obtained. Major items of expenditure such as the purchasing of new vessels would require the Joint Committee to undergo the tendering process set out in the Financial Regulations. All projects will be completed by the 31 st December 2010.

3. Commission Regulation No. 391/2007 (Article 3 (2b)) – What measures to be taken to inform the public that the project received financial support from the Community

- Article in Fishing News (main fishing industry paper) regarding design and build.
 - Article in Maritime Journal
 - Eastern Sea Fisheries Joint Committee web site and annual reports used
- Local Media including BBC Radio (interview upon commissioning of vessels) and local papers covering the District

Signature:

Date: 28th July 2009

Name: Matthew Mander

Status: Clerk & Chief Fishery Officer