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Subject: Additional charts for Deadline 7 to support Eastern IFCAs Deadline 6 Submission

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Dear Ms Evans,

Please find attached Eastern IFCA's Deadline 7 submission in response to Action Point 22 of Issue Specific Hearing 6.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you require clarification on any of the attached.

All the best,

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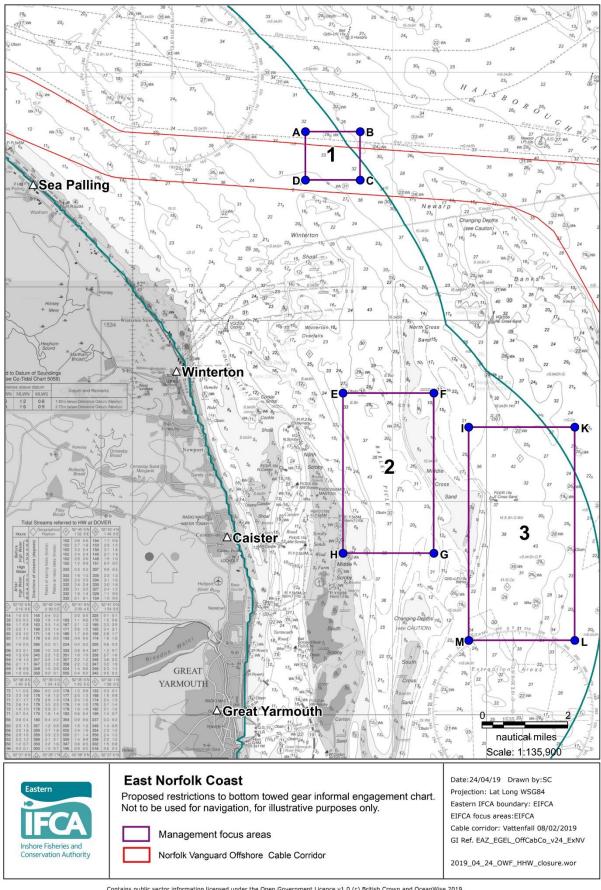


Deadline 7 submission by the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority

30th April 2019

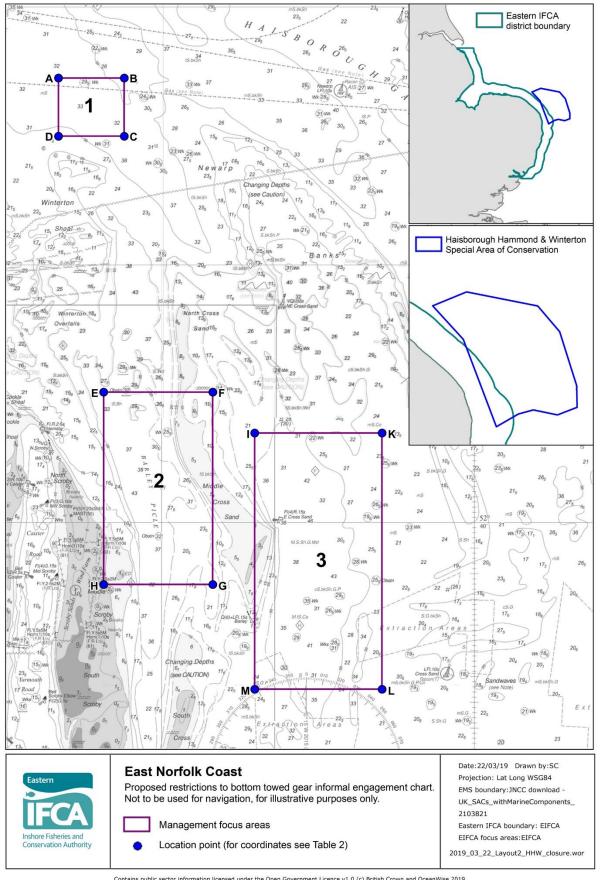
This submission is provided in response to Action Point 22, arising from Issue Specific Hearing 6, 24th April 2019: To submit hard copies of documents from web-link provided at Deadline 6.

Please see below the requested charts of our management focus areas (Figure 1; Figure 2; Table 1). These should be considered in conjunction with supporting information in Eastern IFCA's Deadline 6 submission (included below for clarity as Appendix 1).



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Figure 1: Eastern IFCA management focus areas for proposed restrictions to bottom towed gear. See Table 1 (below) for positions. Supporting information, including details of the timelines for introduction of the proposed restrictions, can be found in Appendix 1.



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Figure 2: Eastern IFCA management focus areas for proposed restrictions to bottom towed gear, including the boundaries of the Eastern IFCA district and HHW SAC (Inserts, top right). See Table 1 (below) for positions. Supporting information, including details of the timelines for introduction of the proposed restrictions, can be found in Appendix 1.

Table 1: East Norfolk Coast Management Focus Areas

Box		Decimal Degrees		Degrees Decimal Minutes	
Number	ID	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude
1	Α	52.810	1.778	52°48.61' N	01°46.65' E
	В	52.810	1.813	52°48.61' N	01°48.75' E
	С	52.791	1.813	52°47.49' N	01°48.75' E
	D	52.791	1.778	52°47.49' N	01°46.65' E
2	Е	52.709	1.802	52°42.52' N	01°48.09' E
	F	52.709	1.860	52°42.52' N	01°51.59' E
	G	52.646	1.860	52°38.78' N	01°51.59' E
	Н	52.646	1.802	52°38.78' N	01°48.09' E
3	ı	52.695	1.882	52°41.72' N	01°52.93' E
	K	52.695	1.950	52°41.72' N	01°57.01' E
	L	52.612	1.950	52°36.74' N	01°57.01' E
	М	52.612	1.882	52°36.74' N	01°52.93' E

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Supporting information for Figure 1, as submitted at Deadline 6 by Eastern Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority

4th April 2019 (Edited 29th April 2019 to support Eastern IFCA's Deadline 7 submission)

Eastern Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (Eastern IFCA)

Eastern IFCA regulates fishing in coastal waters (0-6 nautical miles). Regulators are required to ensure licensed activities do not impact on conservation objectives for protected features in marine protected areas such as Special Areas of Conservation (SACs). Natural England has advised Eastern IFCA to consider a number of areas within the 0-6 nm part of Haisborough, Hammond & Winterton SAC for management as Sabellaria spinulosa reef - a conservation feature that is sensitive to physical damage or loss by abrasion such as that caused by bottom-towed fishing gear. IFCAs do not have powers to regulate activities other than fishing.

Update on proposals for closed areas within Haisborough, Hammond & Winterton Special Area of Conservation (HHW SAC)

Eastern IFCA is developing management in the form of a byelaw to close *Sabellaria* reef areas to bottom-towed fishing within HHW SAC. This has been planned for several years but development of measures can only be progressed after appropriate consideration is given to the evidence supporting the need for management. Eastern IFCA and Natural England have been working together to examine the available evidence for the *Sabellaria* reef feature within the 0-6nm part of HHW SAC. Eastern IFCA has explained this position to the applicant during pre-examination consultations and whilst developing the Statement of Common Ground during the examination process. There was also some discussion about the byelaw closures during the Issue Specific Hearing on 6th February 2019 (at 01:25:45 on recording of Hearing) although Eastern IFCA were not able to give specific details as they were not known at that time.

Byelaw process: the process of creating regulation follows a formal procedure as follows:

- Consideration of evidence of need for management, including statutory advice and site evidence
- Consideration of likely impact of management includes "informal engagement", which is a consultation targeting fishery stakeholders likely to be affected by the proposed restrictions. Feedback is used to inform an Impact Assessment to be presented to the Eastern IFCA members alongside the byelaw recommendation. Eastern IFCA has launched the informal engagement this week (beginning 1st April 2019). Supporting information is available on the

Eastern IFCA website http://www.eastern-ifca.gov.uk/marine-protected-areas/byelaw-2019-proposed-additional-restricted-areas/ - including charts showing areas of management interest (but not final closure areas at this stage) (see Figure 1 above), background information and a questionnaire.

- Presentation of byelaw recommendation, including detail of closed area shapes, and impact assessment to Eastern IFCA members - planned for 15th May 2019. Decision to progress or reject byelaw.
- If accepted, formal public consultation to follow (to last approx. 28 days)
- Submission of byelaw to Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and Defra for scrutiny and ultimate sign-off (est. 6-9 months)
- After the byelaw is implemented, the areas closed to bottom-towed fishing gear will be reviewed and could be increased or decreased, where evidence supports such a change.

The majority of the HHW SAC lies beyond 6nm. Eastern IFCA has no powers to regulate beyond its district. MMO and Defra are developing appropriate fisheries management measures beyond 6nm.

One of Eastern IFCA's proposed closure areas coincides with the Norfolk Vanguard and Norfolk Boreas export cable route. The closure will be within the area of management interest shown as "Box 1" in the East Norfolk Coast chart provided with the informal engagement materials on the Eastern IFCA website http://www.eastern-ifca.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/2019 03 29 MPA 2019 charts.pdf (see Figure 2 above). Co-ordinates of this area are also given on the website. Please note, it is not intended that the all of the area within Box 1 will be closed in the Byelaw – the Box is a management focus area for which we are seeking information on fishing activity. The closure will cover the Sabellaria reef feature found within the Box and appropriate buffers and margins. We can provide a chart of the agreed closure areas after the Authority meeting on 15th May 2019. These will then be subject to public consultation.

For information, attached as Figure 3 (below) is a chart showing the Norfolk Vanguard and Boreas cable corridor and the *Sabellaria* reef feature extent (area to be managed as reef). The approximate area of "Box 1" (black outline) is shown, to highlight the area being considered for management that coincides with the cable corridor.

Figure 3. Norfolk Vanguard cable corridor (grey lines), *Sabellaria* reef feature extent (red polygons), and <u>approximate</u> Eastern IFCA management focus area Box 1 (black box), see Figure 1 and Table 1 (above) for the precise positioning of Box 1.

