

Inshore Fisheries Management: Fit for Purpose

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Is legislation fit for purpose?

- Originates from 1960s
- Reflects deeper 19thC origins
- Has grown incrementally / reactively
- No longer appropriate for:
 - Dynamic, competitive industry
 - Ecosystem-based approach (CFP 2002)
 - Resolving stakeholder conflict

What we would like the Marine Bill to deliver

- Revised objectives – environmental, social, economic
- Integrated management incorporating ecosystem-based approach
- No loss of 'local' in Local Fisheries Management



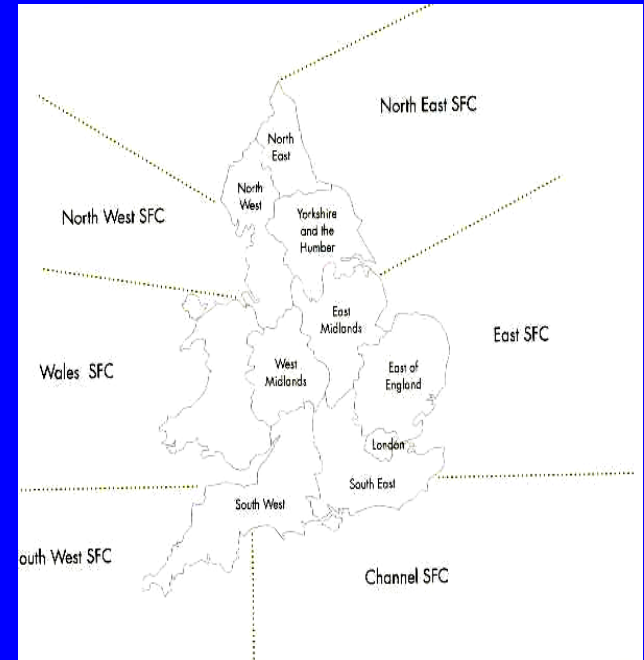
How should the MB deliver that?

- Don't over-centralise the governance structures
- Strengthen the SFCs
- Widen SFCs' remit >> stewardship role
- Provide SFCs with enhanced/secure funding



How do we strengthen SFCs?

- Fewer SFCs within stronger governance structure (link to Regional Fisheries Managers etc)



How else do we strengthen SFCs?

- Extend remit to 12nm
- Introduce licensing scheme to regulate effort
- Byelaws should also be able to reduce effort

Increase funding for SFCs

- Responsibility for EU Directives demands national funding response = core grant in aid
- Utilise EFF effectively through national/regional programmes
- Licensing scheme raises revenue



