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Defra's vision for REM and upcoming consultation

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What this presentation (and the consultation) will cover

Consultation
planned for
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What the
consultation
will cover:

- Approach
- Objectives
- Priority fisheries –
how and what
- Implementation
options

Challenges of
implementing
REM, and
potential
solutions

Proposed Approach

Targeted

- Tailoring data collection to the monitoring needs of different fisheries

Phased

- Starting with priority fisheries and introducing further fisheries over time

Staged

- Working with early adopters to start with, moving to mandatory phases later for ALL vessels in the fishery



Take time and learn lessons as we go

Open collaboration and working together

Objectives



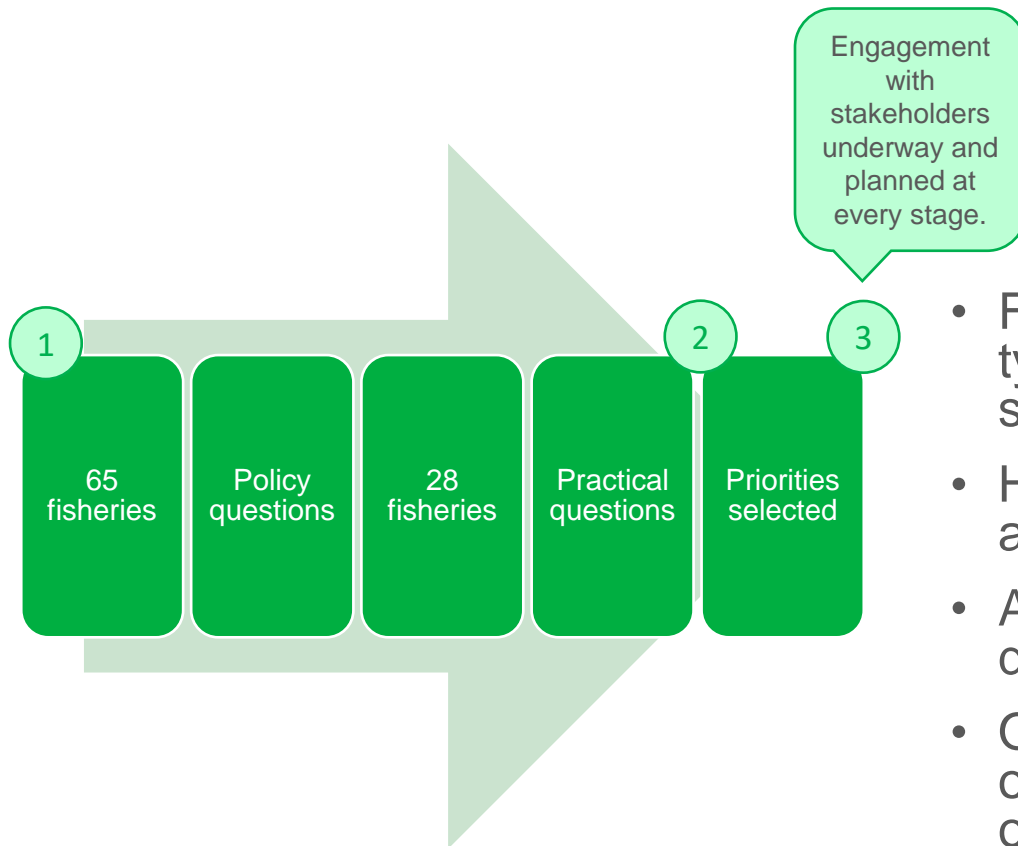
What do we want to achieve?

- Fully Documented Fisheries
- Better management

What creates better management?

- Responsive management structures
- Better evidence
- Compliance by design

Prioritisation evidence review



- Fisheries based on gear type, vessel size, location and species caught
- Holistic approach involving policy and practical questions
- Aim to find a balance between data needs and achievability.
- On achievability, vessel size cut off required: not proposing REM on vessels under 10m length in the priority fisheries at this stage.

Proposed priority fisheries

Evidence gathering has identified these 5 as priorities. Decisions to be made after consultation.

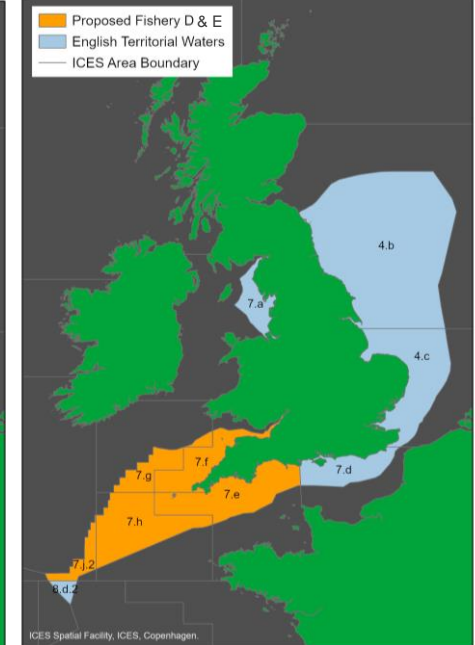
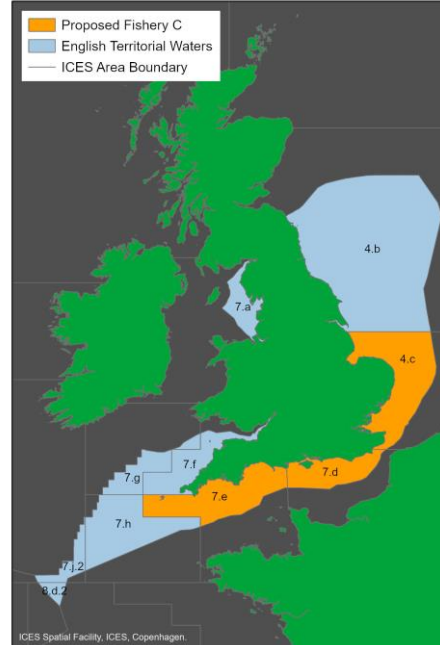
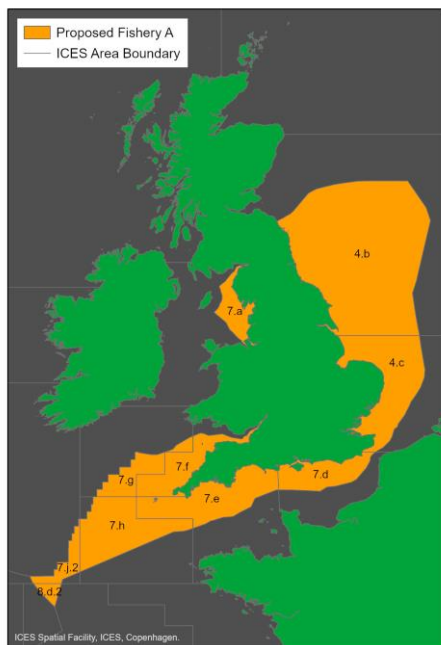
Fishery A: Pelagic trawlers over 24m in length fishing in all English waters.

Fishery B: Vessels over 10m using demersal trawls and mesh sizes under 120mm in the English waters of North Sea area IVb

Fishery C: Vessels over 10m using demersal seines (including fly-shooters and fly-seines) in the English waters of Southern North Sea and English Channel areas IVc, VIIId and VIIe

Fishery D: Vessels over 10m using fixed and/or drift nets (gill and trammel) in the English waters of the Celtic Sea and English Channel areas VIIe-j

Fishery E: Vessels over 10m using demersal trawls including beam trawls



Proposed priority fisheries

- These are proposals for priority fisheries resulting from the evidence review
- Staged approach: this will take time and will be done in stages. It is a long-term proposal, signaling the direction of travel, but responsive to feedback and flexible to future developments
- We propose to set up working groups within priority fisheries to collaborate with a range of stakeholders to set objectives, discuss the management approach and design programmes in such a way as to ensure that the data will be useable and will deliver for industry
- The consultation will be an opportunity to give feedback on the approach and fisheries proposed, and is just one part of a wider plan for engagement and collaboration with our stakeholders
- It is the beginning of the process of work to expand the use of REM in English waters

Challenges

Many!

- Scale
- Cost
- Implementation – technology, data ownership, storage, sharing
- International coordination and cooperation – untested ground
- Data analysis and reporting results
- Recognising concerns about privacy and putting safeguards in place
- Ensuring REM and the data it provides does actually deliver for science and for the fishing industry
- Ensuring join up within Government and across policy areas



Questions?
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