

# Exciting opportunity to manage inshore fisheries and conservation at Southern IFCA

Applicants should have a willingness to positively engage with both IFCA members and officers and to support and champion Southern IFCA's role in the development of sustainable inshore fisheries and provision of marine environmental protection within the district.

During this recruitment campaign, the MMO will be seeking to appoint to fill current vacancies as well as creating a reserve list for any upcoming opportunities.

## **The role of an IFCA General Member**

The members of the IFCA contribute their knowledge and experience to provide sustainable management of the inshore marine area of their IFCA district. Appointees to IFCAs are legally required to consider all the local fishing and marine conservation interests in the waters of the IFCA district in a balanced way, taking full account of the needs of the IFCA district. Appointees should recognise that they are part of a committee and should not regard themselves as representing solely one area of particular interest within the IFCA district.

These voluntary roles require candidates who can take a balanced approach to caring for our seas, assessing the priority and importance of all users and stakeholders. It is essential that candidates have a good local knowledge of the IFCA area for which they are applying. The members of the IFCA contribute their knowledge and experience to provide sustainable management of their IFCA District. As an IFCA General Member, you will have the opportunity to contribute your knowledge and experience to committee meetings helping to shape and direct the work of the IFCA.

This membership puts local people in the driving seat of fisheries management and is an exciting opportunity to shape the development of inshore fisheries in your region.

As a member of an IFCA committee you will work in a team with others, helping to ensure that:

- the use of sea fisheries resources is carried out in a sustainable way and is balanced with the need to protect the marine environment or promote its recovery from, the effects of exploitation
- the different needs of those engaged in the exploitation of sea fisheries and marine resources are balanced

- the conservation objectives of marine conservation zones are achieved

Although these appointments are unpaid, Southern IFCA will reimburse any reasonable expenses.

IFCA's seek to achieve a balanced membership across various interest groups, including but not limited to those with commercial, recreational, and environmental interests.

## **How to Apply**

We welcome applications from the recreational angling sector who have a good knowledge of the Southern IFCA District.

To apply please complete and submit an application form no later than 7 October 2022. Applications forms should be emailed to [ifcarecruitment@marinemanagement.org.uk](mailto:ifcarecruitment@marinemanagement.org.uk) or posted to IFCA Recruitment, Marine Management Organisation, Lancaster House, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7YH.

Should you have any questions about the recruitment process please contact the Marine Management Organisation on 0300 123 1032.

Should you wish to find out more about the role of an IFCA General Member or require assistance with completion of your application form please contact your local IFCA Office by telephone (01202 721 373) or via email at [enquiries@southern-ifca.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@southern-ifca.gov.uk)