

European Marine and Fisheries Fund Programme Performance

To provide an update on European Marine and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) progress, and given that the EMFF is a UK programme with a UK PMC, I have include information on the UK OP to allow comparison of the Scottish delivery to date.

Current UK situation (Financial and Target Performance)

- Current EMFF commitments stand at £133.2million across 1,656 projects, with spend of £42.7 million certified for 1018 projects (excluding Technical Assistance);
- Across the UK, an additional £4.9million (EMFF) is forecasted in commitments within the next quarter, the majority of which is in Sustainable Fisheries (Union Priority (UP) 1) and Data Collection Framework/Control and Enforcement (UP3) with spend of £6.9million expected to materialise in the same period; and
- Following submission of the latest payment claim, decommitment has already been avoided by £9.4million (€10.5million). Current forecasts indicate that decommitment will be comfortably avoided in 2019 by £47.8million (€53.2million)

Scotland:

- A total of £78.6million has been committed to 504 projects; with spend of £21.9million certified for 349 projects;
- The cut-off date for the latest round of applications was 31 July 2018. Applications are currently being prepared for consideration for a Project Assessment Committee in November 2018;
- SG continues Day to day claim and application processing with an exercise to contact all beneficiaries with claims due to the end of the year commencing soon; and
- Continue to develop the large Integrated Maritime Policy (UP6) project discussed at the liaison group.
- DCF Scotland – the 2015 and 2016 claims are due to be verified;
- Scotland Compliance – the 2015 Information Technology claim is due to be finalised with the 2016 and 2017 claims due to be verified;

Overview on progress in Scotland by Union priority

UP1 – Sea fisheries. High demand and at present there only remains some £1m available in this UP. Consideration being given to move funding to provide further rounds, but on this basis the open to applications measures going forward will only be in safety, young fishers and wider projects which benefit science and research.

UP2- Aquaculture. Steady demand and again the current bids outweigh the available funding however the expectation is that with careful management the measure will remain open over 2019.

UP3 – Data collection and Compliance. Regular claim being submitted to meet necessary targets.

UP4 - FLAGS. continuing to commit fund although claims have been slow and agreed priority to increased spend to end of calendar year to meet performance framework targets.

UP5 – Processing and Marketing. Interruption of funding due to investigation by Commission on Producer Organisations. No applications to access the ring fenced storage aid and this assistance ceases at the end of 2018 and cannot be transferred.

UP6 – Integrated maritime Planning. Projects worth £1.75m are presently under consideration but will not deliver spend in time to meet the performance framework requirements. Discussions are ongoing with the Commission on the potential implications,

Approved applications received against Operational Programme Targets (2018)

Please refer to Annex 3 which reflects the UK's progress towards the 2018 Performance Milestone's which are key to releasing the 6% performance reserve (€14.5million), these figures have been updated to reflect the amount of public funding (EMFF, National and Other National) awarded to beneficiaries.

Following on from the Extraordinary EMFF Liaison Group Meeting 30 August 2018, Output Indicator targets for all IB's have been agreed in UP1 and UP2, with Financial Indicator targets being established in UP3, UP4 and UP6, all to be achieved by 30 November 2018. Meeting these targets will protect the 6% EMFF Performance Reserve however, it is not expected that UP6 will be able to achieve the 2018 financial milestones.

The attached annexes provide commitments, spend and progress on a UK and DA basis.



Annex 1 - 30 Sept
2018 (committed).xls



Annex 2 - 30 Sept
2018 (spend).xlsx



Annex 3 - 30 Sept
2018 progress to De

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