

## **IMPLEMENTING THE EFF**

### **Engaging at the Member State Level**

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## Why Engage?

- Main implementing instrument of the CFP
- Part of EU fleet management
- Potential to improve environmental performance of the sector



## Know Your Processes

Action	Date
Member States submit NSPs	At latest when submitting NOPs
Member States submit NOPs	As soon as possible
Commission may request Member States to amend NOPs	Within two months of NOP submission
Commission approve NOPs	Up to four months after submission of NOP
Implementation	1 January 2007 →



## Know Your Rights The Partnership Principle (Article 8)

- Partnership to be organised for national preparation, monitoring and implementation
- Explicitly referred to for NOP & Monitoring Committee but not NSP
- Include competent authorities, economic and social partners and 'any other appropriate body'
- Member States 'shall establish a broad and effective involvement of all the *appropriate bodies*...taking into account...sustainable development through *integration of environmental protection and enhancement*'



## National Strategic Plan

- National plans presenting overall strategic vision of medium term development policy of the fisheries and aquaculture sector
- Contain summary description of all CFP aspects, set out priorities, objectives, strategies, esp:
  - Management of fishing effort and capacity
  - Environment protection & enhancement
- To be 'the subject of a dialogue between the Member State and the Commission'



## National Operational Programme

- More detailed and critical for implementation
- Framework for expenditure
- Priorities, targets, indicators, & principal measures
- Contain synthesis of policy areas

→ If it's not in, it won't be funded



## National Operational Programme

- Commission evaluates NOPs within two months of submission against:
  - NSP
  - EFF NOP Guidelines (inc. environment)
  - EFF Objectives
  - *ex ante* Evaluation
- Potential for revision, highlighting role of indicators



## Impact Assessments

- Nothing required for NSP
- *ex ante* evaluation required for NOP (Art 48)
- No reference to SEA
- Arguably SEA Directive applies to NSP and/or NOP
- SEA more environment focused
- Opens up consultation procedure
- Identifies alternatives
- Formalises programme development



## Monitoring Committee

- Consider and approve project selection criteria
  - within 6 months of NOP approval
- Review implementation progress
- Shall be set up within 3 months of NOP approval
- Higher level policy setting
  - will not review individual applications



## Identify your Strategy

- **Understand the Regulation**
- **Become a partner**
- **Participate in NSP, NOP & Monitoring Committee**
  - Build on what Member States propose
  - Defend and build on the positives
  - Argue against the negatives
- **Assume Member States know nothing**
- **Uptake:**
  - NOP inclusion does not guarantee funding
  - Consider funding allocation and rates
  - Promote the positives
  - Apply for funding and encourage others



## Looking Ahead

- **Commission strategic debate with Member States on NSPs by 31 December 2011**
  - **End of programme period & Council review of EFF by 31 December 2013**
  - **CFP 2012 review: conservation and fleet management**
- Inform each other, but particularly next EFF

