

Table 6: Shellfish Laying

	Relevant Authorities for this activity	Other Competent Authorities	Other associated organisations
Authorities associated with activity	Isle of Wight Council (IWC) Centre for Environment Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS) Food Standard Agency (FSA) Department of Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) Environment Agency Southern Sea Fisheries Committee (SSF)		
Location	No shellfish laying takes place in the SWMEMS, as no Category A fisheries exist at present.		
Frequency	None		
Potential effects with regards to Reg. 33 advice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noise • Visual • Abrasion • Introduction of species 		
Research undertaken	Commercial oyster collection is monitored (mostly for <i>e-coli</i>) by the council, The FSA and CEFAS. The monitoring confirms the classification of the fishery.		
Research required	None		
Ongoing management	The main role of the IWC in shellfish laying is the monitoring of the quality of the oyster fishery and the communication of the subsequent classification (confirmed via CEFAS and the FSA) to the fisherman, however, no shellfish laying takes place in the SWMEMS, as no Category A fisheries exist at present. DEFRA, FSA, CEFAS, SSF and the Environment Agency are all involved in fisheries regulation.		
Gaps in management			
New actions required	Relevant Authority to implement new actions	Timescale	