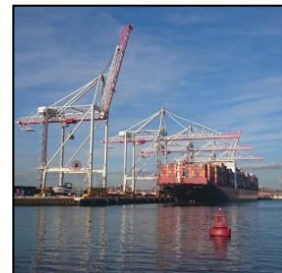




# **SEMS: Risk categories & condition assessment**

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- Each year we monitor activities within SEMS: have previously identified high, medium and low risk activities and used this to prioritise actions.
- Previously based on a generic review of activities in English waters carried out in 2011.
- High risk activities (fishing, recreational disturbance) being addressed.
- Other work to manage medium risks also ongoing
- NE been promising to provide SF with updated risk categories for some time.
- Still not done, why?



- Interim period for SEMS
- A lot of the frameworks which SEMS operates within are being reviewed by NE.
- Worth pausing for these to complete, before incorporating into future SEMS work:
  - Conservation Advice
  - Condition Assessment
  - Risk Assessment



# SEMS – Conservation Advice



- NE's Conservation Advice sets out for each of the sites within SEMS:
  - The protected habitats and species features
  - The Conservation Objectives for those features
  - The sensitivity of those features to different operations/activities
- Introductory workshop ran for SEMS in February 2017.
- Draft advice packages for Solent currently out for consultation:
  - Solent and Southampton Water SPA
  - Chichester and Langstone Harbours SPA



# SEMS – Condition Assessment



- NE currently doing Condition Assessment for Solent Maritime SAC.
- This will set out the health of the SAC for each of its features, and if things are in poor condition identify the causes.
- Expect this work to be completed by end of 2017.
- We will be producing a summary report. Will be available on SF website.
- We will run an external workshop.



# SEMS – Risk Categories



- NE's Conservation Advice and Condition Assessments should be used to define the risk categories.
- Not the application of a generic list but something specifically designed and applied to SEMS.
- Use these products to identify which activities should be in the high, medium and low risk categories.
- Where should the SEMS MG focus its efforts?



# SEMS - future



- Define the risk categories by 2018 SEMS Monitoring.
- Help RAs to focus their monitoring reports on the issues that are a problem.
- SEMS MG + SF Natural Environment Group can then work on actions to remediate problems.



Any questions?

