

2023 Actions

The following table shows progress on NEG actions included in the SEMS Annual Management Report 2023.

NEG Actions

Generic Actions relevant to NEG

- **NEG Action:** to assist the Blue Marine led Solent Seascapes Project in identifying how anthropogenic activity pressure can be reduced and managed to help habitat and species restoration and the delivery of a voluntary restoration plan.
Action Progress: Solent Forum (NEG Secretariat) continues to chair the Solent Recovery working group which is producing the Solent Recovery Plan and a data portal to map pressures and habitats.
- Trend data for activity change is showing that activities in the Solent are elevated but stable. For those activities where Relevant Authorities, particularly Natural England, are concerned about impacts on designated sites, we need to evaluate if and how we can reduce or better manage those activities; focusing on sites that are especially sensitive.
NEG Progress: These concerns will be found in the state of nature report noted above

Fishing including shellfisheries

- **NEG Action (2023):** NEG to monitor the [Catchwise project](#) outcomes and report back to SEMS once data becomes available.
Action Progress: yet to be determined. It is expected that the project will report in early 2025, and NEG will disseminate.

Recreation - light aircraft

- **NEG Action (ongoing):** NEG to request data annually from Bird Aware Solent on winter drone use and disturbance. Updates will be added to the SEMS website section on [aerial recreation](#). The Bird Aware data is also summarised in the evaluation and discussion section above (4.13.2)..
Action Progress: Data for winter 2023/2024 shows disturbance minimal.

Recreation - non-motorised watercraft

- **NEG Action (ongoing):** Monitor the evidence base for potential impacts on designated sites from paddlesports via pilot work by Chichester Harbour Conservancy and Solent Seascapes pressure mapping of sensitive sites.
Action Progress: Please visit [Solentems - Paddlesports in the Solent \(IMP Solent\)](#) for details. Surveys began in October 2021 and will continue for at least two years. Chichester Harbour Conservancy will report in 2024.

2024 Actions

The following table shows only NEG actions included in the SEMS Annual Management Report 2024 and these actions were set in August 2024 to be worked on until Autumn 2025. They entirely supersede the actions from the previous year. The AMR includes many more actions allocated to others. It incorporates actions allocated to NEG in previous years.

NEG Actions

Generic Actions relevant to NEG

1. NEG to continue to support the Blue Marine Foundation's Solent Seascape Project in identifying how anthropogenic activity pressure can be managed, especially in sensitive sites like bird nesting and roosting areas.
2. The Natural Environment Group to follow and share the work of the MMO on addressing marine non-licensable activities in the Solent Maritime SAC.