

NWIFCA Technical, Science and Byelaw Sub-Committee

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BYELAW 2. VESSEL SIZE AND GEAR RESTRICTIONS

Purpose: to present a reworked version of the byelaw for internal consultation

Recommendations:

1. That the attached byelaw be discussed. If satisfactory the byelaw be passed for being made at the next quarterly meeting.

Presentation of a new draft byelaw

1. A new version of Byelaw 2 is attached at Annex A for consideration by the TSB.
2. This new version includes:
 - a. A restriction on engine power.
 - b. An exemption for seed mussel dredging.
 - c. A permit scheme for the use of dredges which have been specifically approved by the Authority.
 - d. A historic rights list to allow vessels with a track record of fishing in the District under the NWSFC and CSFC legacy regimes to continue.
3. The new regulations are dependent on the legacy regimes which were in force in NWSFC and CSFC. Therefore the relevant legacy byelaws have been included in this byelaw at Annex 1 of the byelaw.

Next steps

4. Following the TSB meeting, the byelaw will be amended to include any further comments and will then be put forward for making at the next full meeting of the Authority in June.
5. Consultation with the fishing industry in the District will be commenced.
6. MMO will be consulted on the wording of the byelaw.
7. An impact assessment has been drafted and is available to members on request.

**Chief Executive
28 April 2014**