

**NWIFCA Quarterly Meeting
11 December 2012: 11.00.a.m.**

**AGENDA
ITEM NO.
8**

**TO MAKE THE NEW BYELAW 5
(HEYSHAM BASS NURSERY AREA PROHIBITION OF FISHING)**

Purpose of Report

1. To make a new byelaw to prohibit fishing for sea fish in the area known as the Heysham Bass Nursery Area
2. To present evidence and justification for the making of the new Byelaw 5.

Recommendations

1. The report be received.
2. The Authority 'makes' the draft Byelaw 5 at Annex A.

BACKGROUND

1. The proposed byelaw was discussed at the Technical, Science and Byelaw Sub-Committee meeting on 28th September where it was agreed that it should be submitted to the 11th December 2012 meeting to be made.
2. The new byelaw is required to promote and protect the bass fishery throughout the Morecambe Bay area. It will prohibit all fishing, by any means, for sea fish (which includes all round and flat fish which live in the sea), in the Heysham Bass Nursery Area.
3. The draft byelaw has been sent to MMO for legal scrutiny and their response is awaited.
4. A Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) for the proposed byelaw has been prepared and is attached at Annex B.
5. If Byelaw 5 is made on 11th December it will then be advertised for consultation.

**Chief Executive
14 November 2012**