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**ANNEX A**

**MARINE AND COASTAL ACCESS ACT 2009**

The Authority for the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 155 and 156 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 makes the following byelaw for that District.

**NWIFCA BYELAW 1**

**SPECIFIED FISH SIZES**

**Interpretation**

1. In this byelaw:
  - a) 'the Authority' means the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority as defined in articles 2 and 4 of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI 2010 No. 2200);
  - b) 'the District' means the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation District as defined in articles 2 and 3 of the North Western Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Order 2010 (SI 2010 No. 2200).

**Size Prohibitions**

2. No person shall have in their possession or take or remove from a fishery within the District any wild caught fish of the species specified in paragraph 3 which measures or weighs less than the minimum size specified for the species, and any such fish taken shall be returned immediately to the sea.

**3. SHELLFISH SPECIES**

**MINIMUM SIZE:**

longest part of shell or carapace in millimetres  
or weight in grams (g) where marked

Bean Solen (Pharus legumen)	65
Carpet shell (Venerupis senegalensis)	38
Clam (Venus verrucosa)	40
Crawfish (Palinurus all species)	95
Donax clam (Donax all species)	25
Edible Crab (Cancer pagurus)	130
Hard Clam (Callista chione)	60
Lobster (Homarus gammarus)	87

Nephrops (Nephrops norvegicus) Carapace length	20
<u>or</u> overall length	70
Octopus (Octopus vulgaris)	Weight 750g
Queen Scallop (Aequipecten opercularis)	40
Razor Clam (Ensis all species)	100
Scallop (Pecten maximus)	110
Short necked clam (Ruditapes phillipinarum)	40
Spider Crab (Maja squinado) Carapace length	
Male	130
Female	120
Surf Clam (Spisula solidissima)	25
Velvet Crab (Liocarcinus puber) Carapace length	65
Whelk (Buccinum undatum)	45

**FISH SPECIES**      Whole length in millimetres or weight in grams

Bass (Dicentrarchus labrax)	360
Black Seabream (Spondyliosoma cantharus)	230
Blue ling (Molva dypterygia)	700
Bluefin tuna (Thunnus thynnus)	700
<u>or</u>	6,400g
Brill (Scophthalmus rhombus)	300
Cod (Gadus morhua)	350
Conger eel (Conger conger)	580
Dab (Limanda limanda)	150
Flounder (Platichthys flesus)	250
Grey mullet (Chelon labrosus)	200
Haddock (Melanogrammus aeglefinus)	300
Hake (Merluccius merluccius)	270
Herring (Clupea harengus)	200
Horse Mackerel (Trachurus trachurus)	150
Lemon Sole (Microstomus kitt)	250
Ling (Molva molva)	630
Mackerel (Scomber scombrus)	200
Megrim (Lepidorhombus spp.)	200
Plaice (Pleuronectes platessa)	270
Pollack (Pollachius pollachius)	300
Red Mullet (Mullus surmuletus)	150
Red Seabream (Pagellus bogaraveo)	250
Saithe (Pollachius virens)	350
Skate or Ray (all species) between wing tips	450
Skate or Ray (all species) Maximum dimension of any wing detached from the body of the skate or ray	220
Sole (Solea solea)	240
Turbot (Psetta maxima)	300
Whiting (Merlangius merlangus)	270
Witch Flounder (Glyptocephalus cynoglossus)	280

**Winkle Prohibitions**

- 3 No person shall fish for or remove from any fishery from within the district, winkles (*Littorina littorea*) except by hand.

- 4 No person shall remove from a fishery any winkle (*Littorina littorea*) which will pass through a gauge having a square aperture of 16 millimeters measured over each side of the square.

### **Exception**

- 5 This byelaw shall not apply to any person performing an act which would otherwise constitute an offence against this byelaw if that act was carried out in accordance with a written permission issued by the Authority permitting that act for scientific, management, stocking or breeding purposes.

### **Revocation of Legacy Byelaws**

- 6 The following byelaws made by the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee are revoked in so far as they apply within the District:

a) Byelaw 19 Specified fish sizes

- 7 The following byelaws made by the Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee are revoked in so far as they apply within the District:

a) Byelaw 7 (Winkles – method of fishing, and minimum size)

b) Byelaw 9 (Skate Fishery)

#### *Explanatory Note*

*(This note does not form part of the byelaw)*

*This byelaw sets minimum landing sizes for a variety of fish and shellfish species in the District, based on European size rules. It is an offence to remove undersized fish or shellfish from a fishery and to have them in your possession while you are engaged in the act of fishing or not. In addition this byelaw sets a minimum size for winkles and specifies that they must be fished by hand.*