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ANNEX E

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 9

RESTRICTIONS ON FISHING FOR SHRIMPS AND PRAWNS

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).
 - c) 'Shrimps or prawns' means any species of the genera: *Crangon*, *Pandalus* or *Palaemon*.

Prohibitions

2. No person shall use in fishing for shrimps or prawns any trawl shank bow beam or other mobile device except in accordance with the following regulations:
 - a) when fishing with beam trawls, shanks, bow nets or other similar devices the maximum length of beam, or using multiple nets the aggregate length of beam, shall not measure more than 10 metres measured between its extremities;
 - b) when fishing with an otter trawl the length of the headline, or using multiple trawls, the aggregate length of headlines, shall not exceed 10 metres measured from net end to net end along the headline and excluding any strengthening ropes, eyes, lengthening pieces or similar means of attachment;

- c) the minimum mesh size used in any part of the net shall not be smaller than 16mm as determined by use of an OMEGA gauge where appropriate or a flat gauge;
- d) every person in fishing for shrimps or prawns shall as soon as practical after each haul thoroughly sift the catch in a riddle, grader or separator having a mesh such that the spaces between adjacent longitudinal wires are not less than 5 millimetres and between the lateral wires are not less than 60 millimetres;
- e) any marine organism that passes through the riddle, grader or separator shall be immediately returned to the sea in the area where they were caught.

Revocation of legacy byelaws

3. The following byelaw made by the North Western and North Wales Sea Fisheries Committee is revoked in so far as it applies within the District:

Byelaw 6 – Shrimps and prawns – restrictions on fishing

4. The following byelaw made by the Cumbria Sea Fisheries Committee are revoked in so far as it applies within the District:

Byelaw 14 – Shrimps or prawns

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

This byelaw prohibits the use of beams or other trawls that exceed 10 meters in aggregate length, dictates the minimum mesh size that can be used, requires that the catch is graded and that any discarded marine organism is returned to the sea.

This measure is designed to protect stocks of both shrimps and prawns and reduce any incidental damage to fish stocks brought about by the use of small mesh trawl nets.